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Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig speaks in front of officials and representatives of the three branches of the CNMI government last Friday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Crowne Plaza (the former Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan).

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Torres: ARPA will propel CNMI to the 21st century

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Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig presented Friday details of how the CNMI government plans to spend

Atalig presents details on spending plan for \$512M ARPA funding

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- Within-grade increases for government employees

over \$512 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funding it will get—a plan that, according to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, was

developed through a whole-of-government approach to provide the resources for a better Commonwealth.

Officials and representatives of the three branches of the CNMI government came together last Friday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Crowne Plaza (the former Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan) to see how the administration will divvy up a total of \$512,076,165 in ARPA

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AT A GLANCE

As of 7:33pm, June 6, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population
Fully Vaccinated: **57%**

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	22,775
Fully Vaccinated:	20,264
Moderna	
Initiated:	3,940
Fully Vaccinated:	3,263
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	318

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,193	11	8,204
Recovered	7,991	9	8,000
Active	54	11	65
Deaths	139	0	139
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	167,510		

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	183	0	183
Traced via Travel Screening	147	0	147
Traced via Community Screening	36	0	36
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	26,131*		
Days since last community transmission	78		

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.



DA'OK PAVILION TAKES PRIDE

JOSHUA SANTOS

Pride Marianas Youth members and volunteers gather to paint the Da'Ok pavilion across Marianas High School last Saturday as part of the CNMI's celebration of Pride Month this June.

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70% of CNMI adult population gets 1st dose

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The CNMI recently hit a milestone last week, with 70% of its eligible adult population

having already received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, well ahead of the goal of President Joe Biden to have at least 70% of eligible Ameri-

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

Nicdao and Hocog win API Heritage Month essay contest

Jia Ross Nicdao of Adm. Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School and Camille Torres Hocog of Marianas High School were named winners of the 2021 Northern Marianas Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Essay Contest.

A group of volunteer judges

chose Nicdao and Hocog's work from among 23 essays submitted by middle school students and 21 essays submitted by high school students in the Marianas for the contest.

"Congratulations to Ms. Nicdao and Ms. Hocog for winning the first-ever Asian

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\$21.2M grant is approved to rebuild Oleai sports complex

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded the CNMI a \$21.2 million grant to rebuild the Oleai Sports Complex and expand it by also creating an adjacent cultural events site.

This EDA grant, which is

expected to create 480 jobs, was announced last Friday, and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres prefaced his speech at the presentation of his administration's expenditure plan for the CNMI's share of the American Rescue Plan Act funding by announcing the grant award.

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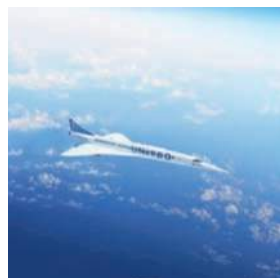
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DONATION TO CPA

The Manglona family headed by Maria Manglona donate a portrait of her late husband, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona, who was a former Rota mayor and CNMI lieutenant governor, to the Commonwealth Ports Authority last Friday. The portrait was accepted by CPA board chair Kimberly King-Hinds and the rest of the board members. Manglona's portrait will be displayed at the Rota airport, the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport.

BEA CABRERA

CUC ADVISORIES

Water service interruption for the San Vicente, Upper Dandan Homestead and Obyan areas

There is an emergency water service interruption in effect

for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in San Vicente, upper Dandan Homestead and Obyan due to the low water level at the Papago water tank, causing low pressure to no water for the af-

ected areas.

CUC water operators and engineers are currently investigating the cause of the low tank level. In the meantime, to minimize the water service interruption, CUC is

manually transferring water from the Ragman booster station to the Papago water tank. More updates on this issue will follow.

For more information, contact the CUC Hotline

(236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. (PR)

Emergency water service interruption in Kagman

There is an emergency water service interruption for the Kagman area beginning last Friday, June 4, 2021, until further notice. Details are as follow:

■ Kagman I and II — Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 6pm to 6am

■ Kagman III — Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 6pm to 6am

The emergency water schedule is due to the low tank level of the Kagman water tank. CUC's water operators are currently performing an assessment of the Kagman water wells and distribution waterlines to determine the cause of the low tank level. Updates will follow as soon as they are available.

For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. (PR)

Power service interruptions on June 10 and 11

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there will be scheduled power service interruptions on June 10 and 11, 2021.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

■ Outage Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm (Estimated)

■ Area(s) Affected: Kannat Tabla (Tanduki Dr. and Paladan Pl.)

■ Distribution Circuit: Kiya 1

■ Water Well Affected: None

■ Wastewater Facility Affected: None

■ Purpose: To relocate a primary conductor along Tanduki Dr.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

■ Outage Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm (Estimated)

■ Area(s) Affected: Partial areas of Papago and Kagman

Momentary Outages:

■ 8:30am to 9:30am - Kagman Mobil Gas Station, Kagman 1, 2, 3, and Kagman Phase 4, Kagman Tire Shop, and Kagman traffic light

■ 2:30pm to 3:30pm - Kagman Mobil Gas Station, Kagman 1, 2, 3, and Kagman Phase 4, Kagman Tire Shop, and Kagman traffic light

■ 3:30pm to 4:30pm - Papago (Isa Dr., Fresko Pl., Sachet Ln., Dagga Pl., Pengua Pl., Maie Ln., Palm Tree Pl., Papago Dr., Sosugi Dr., Leel Ln., Tulip Pl., Pina Dr., Chetnot Pl., Ahagaga Dr., and Amot Ln.)

■ Distribution Circuit: Feeder 4

■ Water Well Affected: None

■ Wastewater Facility Affected: None

■ Purpose: To replace two rotted primary power poles with concrete poles and to replace a defective air brake switch (ABS F4-6) along Isa Dr. in Papago.

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Homeowner stimulus checks are coming—how to get your money from this

By **GEORGINA TZANETOS**
YAHOO FINANCE

Although the future of a fourth stimulus check is uncertain, there is still a huge chunk of money homeowners can tap into to get relief if they are struggling with housing expenses. While lesser-known, the Homeowners Assistance Fund provides billions of dollars to homeowners to prevent

them from losing their homes.

As part of the American Rescue Plan stimulus relief bill, \$10 billion dollars was included in the Homeowners Assistance Fund providing money to homeowners in assistance with mortgage payments in order to prevent delinquencies, foreclosures and late payments on utilities amongst other things.

The law prioritizes funds for homeowners who have been

hardest hit by the pandemic. The Treasury Department states that it uses local and national income indicators to maximize the impact of where the money is distributed.

The HAF provides a minimum of \$50 million for each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and \$498 million for Tribes or Tribally-designated housing entities and the Department of Hawaiian

Home Lands. \$30 million is also available for the territories of Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Homeowners are eligible to receive HAF money if they have experienced financial hardship after January 21, 2020 AND have income equal to or less than 150% of the area median income. This means three times the income limit for very low income families, for the relevant household size, as published

by HUD, according to the Treasury Department.

You must also prove the nature of the financial hardship, like a job loss or reduction in income, health care costs, etc. In order to qualify homeowners must also hold a mortgage balance of less than \$548,250 as of 2021.

In February, President Joe Biden directed federal housing regulators to extend forbearance for an additional six months and prolong other foreclosure relief programs past their December 31 dead-

line. Recently, some of the nation's largest banks revealed their plans, each with a varying degree of commitment to the directive. More than 3 million households are behind on their mortgage payments and nearly 1.7 million will exit their forbearance period in September, Fox News reports.

Money from HAF funds could help this population, but unlike stimulus payments, are not automatic. In order to apply for funds, you must visit your state's housing agency website.

Torres eyes incentives to get more people vaccinated

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The U.S. mainland has now reached a vaccination rate of 63% and the race to have 70% of the population in the U.S. mainland vaccinated by July 1 is still ongoing. Many states are getting creative putting up lotteries that give away cash, food, and school scholarships. In the CNMI, the vaccination rate has been moving steadily up in the beginning but has slowed down and clinging at 55% for a month now.

At the Tourism Resumption Task Force meeting last Tuesday, it was agreed that getting more people vaccinated in the CNMI is a means to jumpstart the economy and tourism and a shield for the health and safety of the community when tourists start coming in.

One way of doing that, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said, is giving those who are not yet vaccinated a reason to get vaccinated. "Have we been looking into giving out incentives? The answer is yes. We have been thinking of giving out incentives, what kind and to also reach out to some of our private business partners. ... The incentives will qualify the ones that have gotten the vaccine and encourage those people who have not gotten the shots," he said. "Some businesses are already doing it, wherein you just present your vaccination card [and] you get a free drink or food, but we are looking for a bigger one where the government and private partners are involved."

At the Tourism Resumption Investment Plan launch last Tuesday, it included talks about opening the CNMI to tourists from South Korea in July and why this is good for the economy and the manner and procedure of how this will work while keeping the health and safety of the community a priority.

Task force chair Kimberly King-Hinds said they chose July because that is the peak of vacation season in South Korea. The rest of the Tourism Resumption Task Force also hopes that, by that time, more people in the community would be vaccinated before

opening to tourists.

"One thing we do know about this situation is that it's constantly changing. It can be all good today and then somebody comes in with a different variant that doesn't test positive on the fifth day but then subsequently on the seventh or eighth day turns out positive and then now you have pocket infection or clusters. So the best thing that the community can do to keep ourselves safe is by getting vaccinated," she said.

"This pilot program is basically a stopgap measure to get us to that level where we're comfortable and open up as the whole world is opening. It's unsustainable to keep basically shuffling people through these quarantine facilities everywhere else. ... So, what we have right now is not self-sustainable and we have to kind of look beyond. ... We should all do our part and get vaccinated and then we can actually start removing some of the protocols...and start taking the funds used for quarantine sites and facilities and invest them somewhere else where the people really need it—our

retirees, health care, development, etc.," she added.

To reach herd immunity in the CNMI, the goal of the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force is 85% and up. Herd immunity will give the community a bigger chance to go back to activities done before the pandemic.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Joe Guerrero encouraged members to get their staff and employees vaccinated during their general membership meeting last Wednesday. "We hope you will encourage your staff to get vaccinated. ... If you haven't mandated it, I strongly suggest you do because, without a higher rate of vaccination, we may not reach the goal of safely opening now. We are opening up but we really need to do it safely," he said.

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Pride Marianas Youth adopts the Da'Ok Pavilion

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Pride Marianas Youth members and volunteers got together to repaint and beautify the Da'Ok pavilion across Marianas High School last Saturday.

Also taking part in the project were T-Project founder Tyra Sablan, MHS Pride Club president Zen Ichiro Tomokane, and Reps. Sheila Therese J. Babauta (D-Saipan), Christina Marie E. Sablan (D-Saipan), Leila Haveia Fleming C. Staffler (D-Saipan), and Denita K. Yangetmai (D-Saipan). The project's lead artists were artists Yolani Camacho and Mee-

na Benavente, and Staffler.

Babauta said the event was made possible through the support of the CNMI Governor's Council of Economic Advisers and her and Staffler's office. GCEA helped supply paint and materials, while she and Staffler worked closely to source contractors to fix portions of the pavilion that had broken concrete and to do other patch-up work prior to repainting.

Babauta said she is excited for the rest of Pride Month this year and looks forward to a more inclusive and accepting CNMI in the future. "I'm excited for Pride Month. As a community, we are doing a fantastic job just coming

together and supporting our brothers and sisters who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community. At the end of the day, we all just want a CNMI that is accepting of all people, regardless of race, color, sex, and sexual identity. ... We want [the CNMI] to be a place that is healthy, safe, and inclusive," said Babauta.

Tomokane was more than happy to be a part of the project. "I decided to come and volunteer because this is one of my first public Pride events, and I thought it would be really fun," said Tomokane. Next up in the CNMI's celebration of Pride Month is MHS Pride Club's Spirit Week from June 7 to 13.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Information Meeting

WHO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

WHAT: A presentation will be shown to provide an overview of the investigation process. The proposed No Action decision concluded that the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)-8 metals do not pose unacceptable risks to human health or the environment. Additionally, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) concentrations in soil above applicable screening levels were successfully removed from the Hospital Dump Formerly Used Defense (FUDS) site. If after consideration of public comments, this recommendation is ultimately selected, no additional investigation or remediation will be performed and USACE will pursue project closeout. USACE representatives will be available during the meeting to receive your comments and to answer your questions regarding elements of the project.

WHEN: Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Hyatt Regency, Royal Palm Avenue, Micro Beach Road – Giovanni's Room (located in restaurant), Saipan, CNMI

WHY: To engage public participation regarding the Proposed Plan for the Hospital Dump Site (FUDS Project No. H09CN012001), located at Talofofo, Saipan.

HOW: To ensure that the community's concerns are addressed, a public comment period will run from June 1, 2021 - July 20, 2021. The Proposed Plan and Remedial Investigation Report will be available for public review beginning June 1, 2021 in the Administrative Record located at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Insatto Street, Capitol Hill Susupe, Saipan. During this time, the public is encouraged to submit any written comments regarding the project to:

Project Point of Contact:

Lori Wong

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers- Honolulu District
Programs and Project Management Division, Environmental Branch
Building 230 / CEPOH-PP-EFort Shafter, HI 96858-5440

NICDAO

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and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Essay Contest hosted by the congressional office,” said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP). “Their essays highlighted their unique individual experiences as young Asian and Pacific Islanders here in the Marianas, while also expressing the importance of embracing the diversity that exists in our islands and learning

from one another.”

Nicdao, an eighth-grade student at Hopwood Middle School, wrote an essay titled “My Experience as Asian American in the Northern Mariana Islands.” Nicdao’s essay discusses her experiences growing up in the Northern Marianas as a young Filipino born to immigrant parents.

In her essay, Nicdao stated, “I struggled to find a label that I connected to, so I decided to research Filipino culture. At that moment was when I found out about the ethnic

group that I was unknowingly part of, known as Asian Americans, who are Americans with Asian ancestry and/ or children of immigrated parents. This community was something I finally related to. On the island, I never felt indifferent because of my ethnicity, which was opposite to my other feelings. I was surrounded by other Asians, so whenever I was around them, I felt like I belonged with them.”

Nicdao also calls for the community to learn about the different cultures

present in the Northern Marianas by stating, “I believe one of the best ways to respect and celebrate diversity in this community is by educating ourselves on each other’s cultures. We can set an example for other communities to participate in Asian American and Pacific Islander appreciation month by first doing it within the community. Sharing about our experiences; getting to know each others’ viewpoints is an expressive way to understand each others’ lifestyles.”

Hocog, a sophomore at Marianas High School, wrote an essay titled “Diversity and Unity.” Hocog’s essay discusses how reflecting on her roots, her experiences of building friendships with people of different cultural backgrounds, and participating in a cultural exchange program in Japan helped her realize that diversity exists even within the broadness of the term “Asian and Pacific Islander.”

In her essay, Hocog highlights how her Chamorro identity is a source of empowerment by stating, “As a young Chamorro woman who is indigenous to these islands, this place means a significant amount to me. I take great pride in my roots and where I come from, for it is a source of my

values, confidence, goals, and morals. But there’s one thing about my Chamorro identity that has always stuck out to me; I am a result of the perseverance of my people. Among the Pacific Islands, the Marianas has the longest history of colonialism. To this day, we are still experiencing its lasting effects. As I grow and learn even more about my heritage, the more I have an understanding of who I am in this world. Each moment of understanding reminds me that because of my ancestor’s resilience, I want to live my life in fulfilling ways that would make them and my islands proud today.”

This is the first year that Sablan hosted the Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month essay contest.

“Thank you to all the students who submitted essays for this year’s essay contest,” Sablan said. “I hope that you will all continue sharing your stories and your experiences, so that we, as one community, can continue to find solidarity amongst one another.”

Nicdao and Hocog’s essays will be published on the Congressional Record and can be read online at <https://sablan.house.gov/serving-you/api-heritage-month-essay-contest>. (PR)

TORRES

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funding—considered the largest one-time cash gift the federal government has ever given the CNMI so far.

Atalig said they are grateful for ARPA because this funding will literally assist the CNMI out of the financial rut and lead the Commonwealth to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and its ruinous effect on the economy.

“This is a significant amount of funding that will benefit all our branches, autonomous agencies, departments, and this will provide significant direct assistance to the public,” said Atalig in his presentation before officials and members of the Executive Branch, Legislature, and Judiciary, mayors, private sector, and other community leaders.

On the state level, the CNMI will be appropriated \$467,245,670; on the municipality levels, Saipan will get \$22,803,551; Tinian, \$11,334,010; Rota, \$8,649,665; and the Northern Islands, \$2,043,269, as outlined in ARPA’s Section 602.

For fiscal year 2021, Atalig said they are investing \$141,375,304; the amount increases to \$340,501,217 for fiscal year 2022.

In his remarks, Torres said the plan

will fund repairing the aging water distribution system, fixing decades-old leaks, building new sewer systems, and providing access to water for an unprecedented number of CNMI residents.

Torres said tremendous resources are being placed in the islands’ education system.

He said the critical needs of the Judiciary and Legislature will be met to allow these branches to continue their necessary work for the public.

The governor said they are bringing back employees so they can continue their service to the community across the CNMI.

“And I am happy to announce that with this plan we are restoring within-grade increases to employees to support their professional growth and development,” he said.

Torres said this ARPA funding will propel the CNMI government to the 21st century, with investments in the IT infrastructure of the government, creating simpler and more efficient methods to residents to interact with their government. He said they are going to reduce the deficit incurred due to the response to the pandemic and beef up the medical referral program. The governor said they will be infusing the private sector with resources to support the needs of small busi-

nesses, households, nonprofits, and tourism industry.

“We will build back stronger, and our workforce and small businesses will be at the forefront of the new economy for our islands,” Torres said. ... “This plan goes beyond direct spending on these priorities. These resources provide us the opportunity to support critical public services not contained in the spending plan.”

That includes full pension benefits of the CNMI’s retirees and the establishment of 2,000 new homestead lots across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Torres said they will be submitting a revised budget to the Legislature by July 1 that will bring back the government to pre-COVID budget levels.

Torres said this undertaking will require all to join in the process of sharing ideas, seeking new and innovative solutions, and working together to ensure these solutions work for the people of the CNMI. He said this includes the members of the Executive Branch, the Legislature, the Judiciary, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Office of the Public Auditor to ensure the funds are accounted for and their uses supported by needs.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

Oleai Sports Complex, generating investment, creating job opportunities and revitalizing the tourism industry,” Alvord said.

He was echoed by Commerce Secretary Gina M. Raimondo, who said, “The infrastructure funded with this investment will support the Northern Mariana Islands as it prepares to host the 2021 Pacific Mini Games, as well as other events in the years ahead.”

The EDA news release said the \$21.2 million grant will support growth of the region’s tourism economy. “The travel and tourism industry is vital to America’s economic recovery and the Biden Administration is working round the clock to support its growth and success,” said Raimondo.

This project is funded by the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-20), which provided EDA with \$600 million in additional Economic Adjustment Assistance Program funds for disaster relief and recovery for areas affected by Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, wildfires, volcanic eruptions, and other major natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019, under the Robert T. Stafford Act. (PR)

70%

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cans have their first dose by July 4.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. announced last Saturday that VaccinateCNMI has already inoculated 70% of the adult population—18 years and older—with their first dose of the COVID-19, just in time as the CNMI prepares to reopen its borders to tourists this July.

As for those who are now fully vaccinated—those who have already received their second dose if they’re getting either the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna Inc. vaccine—the percentage rate currently stands at 57%. CHCC has been administering the Pfizer vaccine, the Moderna vaccine, and the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen one-dose COVID-19 vaccine.

Biden had set a goal of getting 70% of U.S. adults to receive at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by July 4. CHCC announced that the CNMI has reached that already.

“President Biden wants 70% of American adults to have their first dose by July 4th. We’re way ahead of that [and] we expect to be way ahead of that by July 4th. We expect to meet 70% by the end of next week,” said Muña in an interview last week. The Biden administration projects to see 160 million adults fully vaccinated by Independence Day.

In the CNMI, as it stands, fully vaccinated persons are broken down into:

- 12-15 years old: 52
- 16-19 years old: 1,366
- 20-29 years old: 3,509
- 30-39 years old: 3,600
- 40-49 years old: 4,778
- 50-59 years old: 5,698
- 60-69 years old: 3,369
- 70-79 years old: 975
- 80+ years old: 208

Level 1 jurisdiction traveler avails new quarantine procedure

Jerry Peter was the first traveler

from a Level 1 jurisdiction to head straight home from the airport after arriving yesterday. Although CHCC did not indicate where he came from, examples of a Level 1 jurisdiction are American Samoa, Australia, Hong Kong, the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Western Samoa, Taiwan, and Vietnam. Guam is at Level 3; the Philippines is at Level 4. The CNMI is classified as a Level 1 jurisdiction.

Recently, CHCC changed its protocols to allow travelers coming in from a Level 1 jurisdiction—as per the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s travel list—to go straight to their home or lodging after arrival, after completing travel requirements.

Travelers coming in from a Level 2 or higher jurisdiction can now be tested at the airport after submitting their mandatory health declaration form at least 72 hours prior to their arrival. This will ensure that their COVID-19 vaccination is verified and that their home or lodging passes assessment before they land.

Walk-ins for vaccination welcomed

CHCC continues to welcome walk-ins at the Medical Care and Treatment Site at the upper CHCC parking level and the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe to get their vaccine. This relieves the barrier of getting vaccinated, according to Muña.

For the MCATS, its hours are from Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm, and Saturdays, 8am-to12pm. For the Multi-Purpose, its hours are from Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm, and Saturdays, 8am-4pm.

Transportation to and from vaccination sites are free and available by registering online at www.vaccinatecnmi.com or calling 682-SHOT (7468). Those who are 12- to 17-year-olds who complete their two-dose series will receive gift bags, according to CHCC.

\$21.2M

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In the news release that announced the EDA grant, it quoted Torres as saying: “We are tremendously grateful to the EDA as this funding assistance my administration applied for will provide for a state-of-the-art sports complex and a cultural events site and will greatly benefit our local athletes as we position the CNMI to grow our sports tourism and cultural tourism industries.

“The sports complex, which will be one of the most advanced in the region, will make the CNMI a highly-attractive training destination for our tourism industry and allow for the hosting of large-scale regional sport events. The cultural event site will be a dedicated place for an annual calendar of local, regional, and international cultural and arts events within the Pacific, as well as a venue to foster entrepreneurial activities in the arts and cultural sector. Most importantly, it will be a place on the central part of our island to encourage everyone in our community to get fit and live a healthy lifestyle,” he added.

Torres said this award is the culmination of nearly a year and a half of work by the Torres-Palacos admin-

Project Liffang showcases 13 vendors; more events to come

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An initiative that was created to empower and gather local entrepreneurs drew many to the Carolinian Utt in Garapan last Saturday, with the organizers of Project Liffang already lining up other events in the future.

Project Liffang, whose launch was made possible by the United Carolinians Association, Carolinian Affairs Office, and the CNMI Women's Association, welcomed the community to browse 13 stalls that sold food, arts & crafts, plants, clothing, and more at the Carolinian Utt from 8am to 2pm. "Liffang" is a Carolinian word that closely translates to "gift" or "offering."

UCA president Frank Rabauliman was happy to see the project become a reality, as the event had already been postponed twice. In a March 18 press release, UCA announced that it had to postpone its

March 20 launch date due to a recent detection of COVID-19 community spread at the time, and the project launch was cancelled a second time due to the intended date conflicting with other community events.

"We started getting worried, because the vendors were starting to get deflated and wondered whether this thing was ever going to go off, but we finally got to today," said Rabauliman.

UCA expected at least 10 vendors to participate, but actually saw 13 last Saturday, with two vendors going home early as they sold all the products they had to offer.

Last Saturday's launch was just one of many opportunities to provide a platform to local entrepreneurs, and Rabauliman said he was going to gather a group to discuss what improvements could be made for the future. Rabauliman also shared that there have been talks regarding how regularly events like last Sat-

urday's should take place, but those decisions ultimately go back to the vendors.

"Every Saturday is something that the vendors would like. [I've been] hearing once a month, twice a month, but really [the vendors] are the driving force behind it," said Rabauliman.

Benita Seman, who sold keychains, bracelets, and other products that featured intricate beadwork last Saturday, said it was exciting to be a part of Project Liffang's launch. "[This was] exciting, and this is my first time to come out in public to sell the stuff that I make," said Seman.

Norman Rasiang and Aofia Tuiolosega sold earrings, bags, bracelets, and other trinkets. The two were happy to be selling their products last Saturday, as many of the events they would have normally gone to are still unable to happen due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm glad we're out again

with the public to showcase our stuff. ...It's a good event

that [UCA] opened up here, and we're hoping they're

going to do another one," said Rasiang.



Vendors Norman Rasiang and Aofia Tuiolosega pose for a picture at their stall during the launch of United Carolinians Association's Project Liffang last Saturday near the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LRC to conduct presentation on Rota

The Commonwealth Law Revision Commission will be conducting a presentation about "Basic Legal Research" on Rota on June 18, 2021, a Friday, at the Rota Centron Hustisia, from 1:30am to 1:30pm. Refreshments will be available.

To RSVP, click on https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9QSTKpm4cjSdIBJFK0FhXNESddZbA-190oEsIA0dYRm_W51Q/viewform?usp=send_form. For more information, call (670) 236-9820 or email cnmilaw@nmijudiciary.com. (PR)

4.6-magnitude quake in Maug region

At 9:19pm on June 3, 2021, a report of a 4.6-magnitude earthquake occurred at 19.321°N 145.533°E in the Maug Islands region, Northern Mariana Islands. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings or advisories issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 670-237-8000.

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CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Marianas' Tourism Resumption Investment Plan launched

The Marianas Tourism Resumption Task Force announced the details of its Tourism Resumption Investment Plan, or TRIP, to stakeholders and the community last June 1, detailing a strategy that will maintain the destination's high COVID-19 safety standards while also meeting key expectations of travelers.

Over the initial two-month pilot period of the program beginning in mid-July, the government will provide subsidies to airlines, hotels, travel agencies, and related businesses to help jumpstart tourism, the Marianas' primary economic driver.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority is in full support of the plan developed by the Governor's Tourism Resumption Task Force, led by Kimberlyn King-Hinds, economist Matthew Guerrero in collaboration with MVA board director Ivan Quichocho, managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo, and deputy managing director Judy Torres," said MVA chair Viola

» Subsidy for airlines » 'Travel Bucks' for tourists

Alepuyo, following Tuesday's MVA board of directors meeting where the plan was unanimously adopted. "We are confident because it is a plan based on extensive discussions with our major tourism partners and industry experts in both the Marianas and our major source markets."

Current COVID-19 protocols that have helped the Marianas remain relatively unscathed during the pandemic will continue to be in place with tourism resumption. All passengers will be required to show a negative PCR test for COVID-19 before boarding their flight, as required by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for any visitors entering the country.

"The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and CNMI



File photo shows Taga Beach, one of the most popular sites on the island of Tinian. The Marianas expects to reopen to international flights in July 2021.

JUNJI TAKASAGO

COVID-19 Task Force have done a tremendous job of stopping COVID-19 at our borders, and TRIP will require passengers to have a negative PCR within 72 hours prior to embarkation to the Marianas," said Alepuyo. "The current two-test policy for arriving passengers from Guam has proven extremely effective, and we only want to broaden that protection with international flights by requiring pas-

sengers to test negative before they come to the Marianas."

The program will start with two flights a week from Korea with an estimated 1,400 total passenger over the two-month period. Visitors will still be required to take a PCR test upon arrival and again after five days quarantine at a single designated hybrid quarantine resort, where they will be allowed use of the facilities. Visitors will need to show a nega-

tive PCR test before leaving the quarantine resort and will thereafter continue to stay within corridor hotels on Saipan, Tinian, and/or Rota. Quarantine hotel employees will be required to stay at the resort during the quarantine period and show a negative PCR test before they are allowed to return home and into the community.

The MVA will support the restart of international travel by providing subsidies to airlines, hotels, and other involved businesses. For example, the Marianas will subsidize airlines that may be less than 40% full; however, if tour packages are successfully sold and airlines have more than 40% passenger capacity, there will be no subsidy. To stimulate more economic activity, each passenger will also be provided \$250-\$500 per island (Saipan, Tinian, Rota) in Travel Bucks to spend at qualified businesses, such as optional tours, retail stores, and restaurants. Businesses

interested in being a part of the Travel Corridor will need to apply and qualify for the World Travel and Tourism Council Safe Travels Stamp, which is a program to ensure businesses comply with COVID-19 safety protocols enforced by MVA and the COVID-19 Task Force. Information about the WTTC Safe Travels Stamp will be made available shortly on MVA's website at www.mymarianas.com.

"The main point is that we keep our community safe as we reopen our doors to tourists. Our goal is to make tourism resumption safe, gradual, and sustainable," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "Federal aid for the pandemic will be running out soon, and [TRIP] aims to get people back to work, businesses to reopen, and our Marianas economy running again."

MVA is preparing to issue Request for Proposals for participating airlines, hotels, and other partners. (MVA)

Korea consumer survey shows high demand for CNMI

A recent consumer survey conducted by the Marianas Visitors Authority in Korea shows high demand for the Marianas among those planning to travel this year.

The survey was conducted from April 16 to May 2 among 2,368 individuals in Korea who expressed the intent to travel in 2021. Almost all of the respondents, or 94% of those surveyed, expressed a willingness to travel to the Marianas with 58% of them willing to stay seven-14 days, significantly longer than the average four-five day trips

they took prior to the pandemic. Almost 80% agreed or strongly agreed to having a COVID-19 test prior to departure to their destination, as required for any visitors entering the United States by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Marianas Tourism Resumption Investment Plan unveiled this week. Nearly all respondents, or 98%, "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that support or discounts on hotel and airfare would make them willing to travel to the Marianas, both of which are critical components

in TRIP.

When choosing a destination, respondents cited Safety as their biggest criteria (58%), followed by Budget (42%), Natural Landscape (37%), and the number of COVID-19 Confirmed Cases (35%). Concerns about COVID-19 (65%) and a 14-day self-quarantine upon return to Korea (45%) remained the top concerns when deciding to travel. Quarantine exemptions or less quarantine were key factors to making visitors more willing to travel.

"Given the Marianas' strong success rate in preventing CO-

VID-19 cases, coupled with our vast and beautiful natural resources as a clean beach resort destination, we are perfectly positioned to satisfy travelers who consider these factors important," said MVA board chair Viola Alepuyo. "It would be extremely favorable if self-quarantine for vaccinated individuals returning to Korea could be waived, which is something the Korean government is considering. That is a decision beyond our local control, but it would increase the number of travelers, for sure."

The high rate of vaccination in the Marianas is anticipated to strongly work in favor of tourism resumption, as 86% of respondents said they consider the vaccination rate of the destination a "great deal" or "quite a bit"; vaccination rate of 70% or higher would make most respondents feel safe in the Marianas. In addition, nearly everyone, or 90%, said they would be willing to be vaccinated if they could be exempt from the 14-day self-quarantine obligation upon returning to Korea.

"Almost every major concern or consideration consumers expressed in the

survey is addressed by the Marianas tourism resumption plan," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "We are confident that visitors will be enticed by what we have to offer them and that the TRIP pilot program will be successful in jumpstarting the economy."

A majority of the respondents were female (63%), office workers (32%), and ages 30-49 (67%). The top anticipated activities in the Marianas are relaxation, leisure sports, island tour, gourmet tour, and stargazing. Ten percent also indicated the intent to play golf. (MVA)



Over 100 volunteers joined the Marianas tourism industry cleanup in Marpi last May 29, 2021. MVA

Over 100 tourism enthusiasts in the Marianas joined the Japan Saipan Travel Association in its semi-annual cleanup on May 29, 2021, collecting approximately 600 lbs of trash and marking one of the largest turnouts of volunteers in recent years.

With the lull in tourism, this year's

volunteers turned their attention away from the main tourist district of Garapan to the popular scenic and historic sites of Marpi in northern Saipan, including the Last Command Post, Okinawa Peace Memorial and the Korean Peace Memorial.

JSTA was joined by the Japan

Consulate Office, Marianas Visitors Authority, Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association, Korean Tourism Association, Chinese Association, SkyDive Saipan, and community members. In addition to collecting trash, the group planted trees at the Japan Peace Memorial and the Tower of

Okinawa, two sites marking Saipan's historic ties with Japan.

"As the Marianas prepares to welcome back international flights, the MVA would like to extend our sincere *si yu'us ma'ase, olomwaay*, and thank you to JSTA and the other organizations and individuals who participated

in the cleanup," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "As we are all a product of the Marianas, let's continue to respect and keep our islands clean and pristine."

The cleanup is held annually in celebration of May Tourism Month. (MVA)

\$202,996 is appropriated for Tinian in new local law

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In the presence of Tinian leaders, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed a House local bill into law last Thursday that appropriates \$202,996 (except for vetoed items) of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for Tinian and Aguiguan.

The Earned Bond Interest Income funding has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations.

Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan and members of the Tinian

» But vetoes \$62,996 for lack of more detailed listing of projects to be funded

Legislative Delegation joined Torres at the signing of House Local Bill 22-4, Draft 1, into Tinian Local Law 22-02, at the Office of the Governor's conference room.

The Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the 22nd CNMI Legislature passed the bill.

Torres informed Tinian and

Aguiguan Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian) and House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) that he signed the bill into law but vetoed a provision that sought to appropriate \$62,996 for various municipal capital improvement projects.

Citing Attorney General Edward Manibusan's comments on the bill, the governor said a more detailed listing of what capital improvement projects are to be funded with the \$62,996 should be provided in order to ensure that the funding is properly accounted



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, first from right, is joined by Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan, leftmost, and members of the Tinian Legislative Delegation at the Office of the Governor conference room after signing House Local Bill 22-4 into Tinian Local Law 22-02.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

10 KES students inducted into National Elementary Honor Society

A total of 10 Kagman Elementary School students were inducted last May 31 into the school's chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society in an event held at The Grill Restaurant of Laolao Bay & Golf Resort.

The students inducted into the program this year are:

4TH GRADE

- Mikyla Skye DLC. Cabrera
- Malana Saige DLG. Cabrera
- Rikka Marie DLC. Lacson
- Kevin Joseph R. Maratita Jr.
- Justo Jeremiah Quitugua
- Patrick Anthony Quitugua Jr.

5TH GRADE

- Mark Alexander R. Aquino

- Patience Arianna S. Borja
- Jillian Maureen Espelarga
- Vicente Jesus A. Leon Guerrero

In her congratulatory remarks, KES principal Dr. Ignacia T. Demapan commended the students for achieving NEHS membership. She emphasized that their membership, more than the honor, is an ongoing responsibility and obligation to continue demonstrating these outstanding qualities that resulted in their NEHS selection.

She also acknowledged the parents for providing support to their students to help them develop leadership, cultivate a love of giving back, and pre-

pare for the next phase in their academic journey and beyond.

Demapan congratulated everyone, including the NEHS advisers, NEHS faculty council, teachers, and staff of Kagman Elementary School and thanked them for their dedication, commitment, and partnership.

To be eligible for membership consideration in the National Elementary Honor Society, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or higher. Additionally, candidates must meet high standards of responsibility, service, and leadership.

Leadership is based on the

student's participation in community or school activities or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in service projects in the school and community.

Students are reviewed by a faculty council appointed by the principal.

As members of NEHS, these students will now engage in a number of chapter service projects.

NEHS is modeled on its companion organization, the National Honor Society, which is the nation's oldest and best-known student recognition program. (PR)

for in a transparent manner.

"Because there is no indication of what specific CIPs are to be funded by this appropriation, I respectfully request that the Ti-

nian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation appropriate these funds in a future legislation with the inclusion of a detailed project list," Torres said.



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT MVA IS HIRING!!!

JVA #	VACANT POSITION	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
JVA-21-003	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR	MAY 24, 2021	JUNE 7, 2021

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN OR OTHERWISE QUALIFIED U.S. WORKER. INTERESTED PERSONS MAY CONTACT THE MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY OFFICE AT (670) 664-3200/01 OR VISIT WWW.MYMARIANAS.COM FOR MORE DETAILS.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-21-019

Island Wide Water Meter Installation

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Water Meter Installation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The intent of the contract is for the Contractor to provide all labor, equipment, supplies and materials necessary to complete the scope of work which consists of: replacement of water meters, relocation of a water meter and meter vault, reconfiguration of water meter service laterals, expansion of a water meter vault, installation of gate valves, replacement of vault covers, installation of ladder rungs, driveway and sidewalk restoration, and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system and service to the customers affected. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 120 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$100.00** (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-21-019, Island Wide Water Meter Installation"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 10, 2021**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A *Payment Bond* of one Hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 1, 2021** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alley Reyes, CUC Water/Wastewater Jr. Engineer via email address alley.reyes@cucgov.org and to Christie Sablan, P&S, Senior Administrative Technician – christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

BETTINA TERLAJE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Duties and Responsibilities – Chief Accountant/Accounting Manager

- The Accounting Manager/Chief Accountant is responsible for all areas relating to financial reporting. This position will be responsible for developing and maintaining accounting principles, practices and procedures to ensure accurate and timely financial statements.
- Supervises a team of staff accountants and is responsible for managing the team to ensure that work is properly allocated and completed in a timely and accurate manner.
- Address tight deadlines and a multitude of accounting activities including general ledger preparation, financial reporting, year end audit preparation and the support of budget and forecast activities.
- Work closely with the General Manager with day to day operations.
- Obtain and maintain a thorough understanding of the financial reporting and general ledger structure.
- Ensure an accurate and timely monthly, quarterly and year end close.
- Ensure the timely reporting of all monthly financial information.
- Assist in the daily banking requirements.
- Ensure the accurate and timely processing of positive pay transactions.
- Ensure the monthly and quarterly Bank Compliance activities are performed in a timely and accurate manner.
- Supports budget and forecasting activities.
- Collaborates with the other department managers to support overall department goals and objectives.
- Monitors and analyzes department work to develop more efficient procedures and use of resources while maintaining a high level of accuracy.
- Advises staff regarding the handling of non-routine reporting transactions.
- Responds to inquiries from the General Manager and Board of Directors regarding financial results, special reporting requests and the like.
- Ensure a clean and timely year end audit.
- Supervise the general ledger group to ensure all financial reporting deadlines are met.
- Assist in development and implementation of new procedures and features to enhance the workflow of the department.
- Prepare accounts and tax returns.
- Administer payroll and controlling income and expenditure.
- Audit financial information.
- Compile and present reports, budgets, business plans, commentaries and financial statements.
- Analyze accounts and business plans.
- Provide tax planning services with reference to current legislation or other changes to tax structure.
- Prepare financial forecasting and risk analysis.
- Provide training to new and existing accounting staff as needed.
- Handle personnel issues relating to staff conflicts, absenteeism, performance issues, etc.
- Work with each direct report to establish goals and objectives for each year and monitor and advice on the progress to enhance the professional development of staff.
- Support special projects and workflow process improvements.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting
- Five (5) years experience in Accounting or Finance
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Those collecting unemployment benefits should be looking for jobs

Businesses are scrambling to fill job vacancies as the country continues to reopen from the coronavirus pandemic, but the reality is that there simply are not enough people looking for work. The state of Pennsylvania made the right move to pull back on the relaxed standards for unemployment benefits and to reinstate the requirement that those collecting benefits must be actively looking for work.

When the pandemic began more than a year ago, Pennsylvania relaxed some of its rules related to unemployment compensation. In addition to suspending the “waiting week” in which claimants did not receive benefits during their first week of unemployment, the state also lifted its work search and work registration requirements. Those collecting unemployment compensation during the past year have not been required to prove that they applied or searched for a new job.

With most restrictions on businesses now being lifted as more people are vaccinated, and since plenty of jobs are available, the state Department of Labor and Industry announced that starting in July the job search requirements will once again be in effect. It's a decision that makes sense.

If businesses are to rebound from more than a year of upheaval and uncertainty, they will need to fill the millions of job openings across the country. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that in March the number of job openings nationwide reached a high of 8.1 million, while the number of new hires remained flat at about 6 million. The gap of some 2 million between job openings and hires was the largest margin on record.

Businesses in many sectors—notably the restaurant and hospitality industry as well as retail—are offering bonuses and perks to try to fill job openings that have caused them in some cases to reduce operating hours because of limited staff. They should also remember the concept of supply and demand and consider a hike in hourly wage rates to attract prospective employees. In the end, it is about what the market will bear.

Some say the shortage of workers is linked directly to the pandemic-related extension in the unemployment compensation coverage period, as well as to the payout of “extra” unemployment benefits that amount to about \$300 a week. But there was a labor shortage even before the pandemic.

Unemployment compensation is designed as a stopgap to help individuals and families stay afloat financially while they recover from a job loss. Recovering from a job loss, over the long term, means (for most people) finding a new job. With businesses reopening and the economy inching back toward something resembling normal, state officials are right to once again require those collecting unemployment benefits to actively search for work.

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Australia's perceived role in the militarized American Pacific

Australia maintains a strong relationship with the United States. The significance of this enduring relationship is that both America and Australia have a longstanding history forged over time, in part because both nations are English speaking countries.

Why this is important for our Chamorro people of the Marianas Islands to understand is because Australian military forces frequent Guam and the northern islands for military training purposes.

Australian forces come to the Marianas to support America's efforts to further militarize the broader Asia Pacific region, primarily in response to China's military expansion.

How Australia's military affairs are connected to the United States

The American-Australian partnership is almost as old as America's control of Guam. The Australians and Americans have worked together in both 20th century world wars and in Korea, signed a security pact in 1951 to partner on military matters, fought in Vietnam together, and have remained close partners since the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

Both nations conduct extensive undersea and satellite communications, all source intelligence, early warning ballistic missile defense work, and are treaty partners on arms sales transfers that enable the Australians to make substantial weapons purchases from American defense companies. Billions of dollars represent this arrangement.

American Marine Corps forces rotate in and out of Australia where approximately 2,000 Marines descend upon Darwin to conduct bilateral and multilateral military exercises. The bilateral Force Posture Agreement is the document that [re]created the formal pathway for United States-Australian military cooperation, covering a period of approximately 25 years forward.

This agreement was crafted to further enhance interoperability at the tactical and operational level of preparing for war to respond to a variety of possible overseas contingencies.

Australia and the U.S. are also part of a four-nation network named the “Quad,” which includes India and Japan. This coalition was formed in 2004 and has grown and waned over the years.

The Quad is an arrangement of like-minded democratic nations providing public health, intelligence, military security, artificial intelligence, and diplomacy-based solutions to its members while working with other allied nations such as South Korea, Vietnam, and the Five Eyes English-speaking intelligence network nations (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States) to help improve coalition partner interests.

One challenge for Australia within the context of its participation in the Quad is how does this country go about ensuring that worked performed will not create the conditions that result in the

RICK'S COLUMN

By RICK PEREZ

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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overextension of Australia's capacity to address its core national security concerns, or unwittingly provoke the Chinese who are substantial economic trading partners?

Some challenges that will involve use of the Mariana Islands

Australia has embarked on a long-term plan to build out and strengthen its undersea weapons platforms, purchasing submarine components from the Europeans, Japan, and the United States. Australia has made the decision to grow its submarine fleet in response to the perceived need to effectively counter Chinese aggression in the undersea Blue Ocean continent environment.

This decision by the government of Australia is supported by the United States.

This bilateral relationship led by the United States is important for our ancient Chamorro people to consider and understand because a more robust Australian-American union translates into Australian submariners spending more and more time training with the United States in Guam and the Mariana Islands region.

With more bilateral undersea training comes greater use of underwater explosives, active sonar, and target practice exercises below the ocean's waterline near Guam and throughout the Mariana Islands chain. The risks of greater harm to rare marine mammals will intensify from additional operational training activities, which could result in mass stranding, injury, and death of these blue ocean mammals.

One key challenge facing Australia and the United States is the increasing number of Chinese submarines coming into inventory at approximately 70 vessels.

What we as Pacific Islanders may want to be keenly aware of is that the total number of American submarines operationally available may drop in number over the next several years,

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A leap forward for the Commonwealth

Editor's Note: The following is the text of the speech the author delivered at the presentation of his administration's plan for the CNMI's share of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds at the Hibiscus Hall of the Crown Plaza (formerly Fiesta Resort & spa Saipan).

I want to first start off with this very important announcement: Earlier this morning the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration announced the official award of \$21.2 million to the CNMI for the rebuilding of the Oleai Sports Complex. This is the largest single project grant award to a state or territory in the history of the EDA.

This will provide for a state-of-the-art sports complex and a cultural events site and will greatly benefit our local athletes as we position the CNMI to grow our sports tourism and cultural tourism industries.

Our goal for the sports complex is to make the CNMI a highly-attractive training destination for our tourism industry and allow for the hosting of large-scale regional sport events. We will build a cultural event site dedicated to local, regional, and international cultural and arts events within the Pacific. Most importantly, it will be a place on the central part of our island to encourage everyone in our community to get fit and live a healthy lifestyle.

Our administration put in a year-and-a-half of work since Super Typhoon Yutu, and I want to recognize the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and Office of Planning and Development for taking the lead on this and to the great EDA staff who provided important technical assistance along the way.

This award is an example of what we can accomplish in the face of disaster.

We have all lived through one of the most significant moments in our history. We lived through it and because of this you all know the story well.

Early estimates on the scale of the COVID-19 pandemic projected that by almost exactly one year ago, the CNMI would experience up to 6,000 cases of the virus. This number would have flooded our healthcare system, brought us beyond our capacity, and stretch the Commonwealth to the point of breaking.

6,000 cases.

6,000 mothers, and fathers.

Sisters and brothers.

And like we have all seen around the world, the hearts of our community would have to bear the impossible weight of loss from the deadliest disease to impact the world in generations.

Generations of residents on these islands have looked back on our history and asked, "What if?"

We all seek to find solutions to our current problems in trying to imagine a different path, one that could potentially lead to a more prosperous today.

Today, I cannot imagine our Commonwealth taking any other approach to our response to this global threat.

We are gathered here today when communities around the world still shelter themselves from one another.

We have contained, we have tested, we have vaccinated, and we have treated at a pace and a scale that put the Northern Marianas far ahead of the world, to position our beautiful islands as one of the safest places in our nation.

Our Commonwealth government and our health care officials took immediate and decisive action to bring us here. Through this work, we were the first place in the United States to declare a public health emergency, and we acted swiftly to implement the restrictions that intended to keep our community safe.

Yet none of this would have been possible without the willingness of our community to protect one another.

We argue.

We bicker.

We bring politics between friends and family,

but when it mattered most, we came together. I think that is

our true spirit and I thank you all for what you have done to save our community.

I cannot thank the hardworking first responders and health care officials, COVID-19 Task Force chair... Warren Villagomez, CEO Esther Muña, and the entire health care staff enough for their long hours at the front lines. And I thank you all for sharing the responsibility of protecting one another.

I consider myself blessed to work with these individuals and on behalf of this community. The primary responsibility of a governor is to safeguard the safety and wellbeing of the community they serve. We have done that, but this responsibility entrusted to me is not finished.

As the world rises from this pandemic, we must recognize that hundreds of lives have been saved by our combined efforts and refocus our work to ensuring those lives are filled with purpose, and opportunity. Our businesses have suffered a tremendous burden from this pandemic. I hear stories up to this day of businesses making the difficult decision to close their doors. The employees that make our private sector succeed have had their lives turned upside down. And our government has been forced to shoulder the responsibility of recovering from disaster after disaster with an already struggling private sector to support the revenue we need to make it work.

Federal assistance has helped and for that I am forever grateful.

The federal assistance comes to us as a part of a national effort to rescue the millions of Americans who have similarly been affected by the pandemic. The Northern Marianas has, more than most, received a disproportionate impact from this crisis on our economy, our community, and our government.

The funding we have available through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, FEMA Public Assistance program, and the American Rescue Plan is a watershed moment in our history.

Today we are given the opportunity to not ask "What if?" but to take the bold path in getting the CNMI—Saipan, Tinian, Rota and the Northern Islands—back on course.

We all know the issues facing the CNMI. The challenges the Commonwealth has faced for decades does not have different solutions based on ideology.

We need better infrastructure to support a higher quality of life for our residents. Better water distribution, widespread sewage connections, improved telecommunication access.

We need more funding for our schools to support the needs of our students, and our judicial system to protect the due process afforded to all residents and to bring back the hardworking public servants who serve the many needs of our Commonwealth.

We need a better, more efficient system for residents to interact with their government that keeps pace with the technology of our age.

We need to make good on our obligations and our constitutional mandate to pay down deficits that have accumulated for years.

We need to be true partners with our private sector. Their success is the success of our islands. We must invest in the tools and resources to keep our businesses successful, seek out new and sustainable industries to diversify and protect our economy, and we must make the investments into not only bringing back the thousands of tourism jobs we have lost over this pandemic, but in transforming our tourism product to have the CNMI become a world-class destination we can all be proud of.

And if this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that the health of our community is a priority that encompasses all of the efforts of government. We need to make investments in our healthcare system, support our first responders, and ensure funding is available to support critical healthcare access to our residents.

Today, we will discuss how we are going to get there, utilizing the funding provided by the American Rescue Plan. [Finance] Secretary [David DLG] Atalig will provide the details of this plan that has been developed through a whole-of-government approach to provide the resources to see a better Commonwealth.

Sumay a choice target for China's military community.

Concluding thoughts

The Pacific Ocean Asiatic region continues to witness and experience an arms race of historic proportions. There are no signs pointing to nation state slowdowns to further militarize the overall region. As China continues to strengthen its military might in the region, the need for other nations to do the same becomes clear, as one of several strategies to maintain some sense of balance of power.

China is the second largest economy in the world. The country's

By RALPH DLG TORRES

Special to the Saipan Tribune



Ralph DLG Torres is governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The plan being set forth places funding toward repairing our aging water distribution system, fixing decades-old leaks, constructing new sewer systems and providing access to water for an unprecedented number of CNMI residents.

Tremendous resources are being placed into our islands education system to support the growth and development of our children.

The critical needs of our Judicial and Legislative branches will be met to allow these branches to continue their necessary work for the public.

We are bringing back our public servants so they can continue their service to the community across all islands of the Commonwealth, and I am happy to announce that with this plan we are restoring within-grade increases to employees to support their professional growth and development.

This funding will propel the CNMI government to the 21st century, through investments into the I.T. infrastructure of the government, creating simpler and more efficient methods for residents to interact with their government.

We are fulfilling our constitutional duty to reduce the deficit we have incurred due to our phenomenal response to the pandemic, to include the needed expenses of our medical referral program that has been historically underfunded.

We are building a more vibrant private sector with an unprecedented infusion of resources to support the needs of small businesses, households, nonprofits, and our tourism industry. We will build back stronger, and our workforce and small businesses will be at the forefront of the new economy for our islands.

And we are recognizing the efforts of our healthcare system and first responders, acknowledging their work and sacrifices and continuing to support their ongoing work to keep our community safe.

This plan goes beyond direct spending on these priorities. These resources provide us the opportunity to support critical public services not contained in the spending plan.

We will have the resources to continue to prioritize local funding to support the full pension benefits provided to our islands retirees, many of whom had to deal with the greatest risk of this pandemic.

We will be submitting a revised budget to our Legislature by July 1 that will bring back our government to pre-COVID budget levels, and we are leveraging resources to provide greater access to quality homes through the planned establishment of 2,000 new homestead lots across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

We have placed our commitment into these priority areas to resolve longstanding issues that have been exasperated by the pandemic.

This monumental undertaking will require all of us to join in the process of sharing ideas, seeking new and innovative solutions, and working together to ensure these solutions work for the people of the CNMI. This includes the members of the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Public Auditor to ensure the funds are accounted for, their uses supported by needs, and that the public can be the beneficiaries of the leap forward for the Commonwealth.

Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do. I look forward to today's presentation and to the work we will accomplish together.

ability to leverage its economic wealth in the realm of international relations to shape the region's geopolitical landscape has been potent. China has been able to use the strong trade relationships it has established with Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, and other nations to extract influence that was previously not so apparent.

This reality has also affected how Australia and its government has viewed its overall relationship with the Chinese government and the United States. Our people will be well served to further understand how this and other developments will continue to directly impact our ancient insular region.






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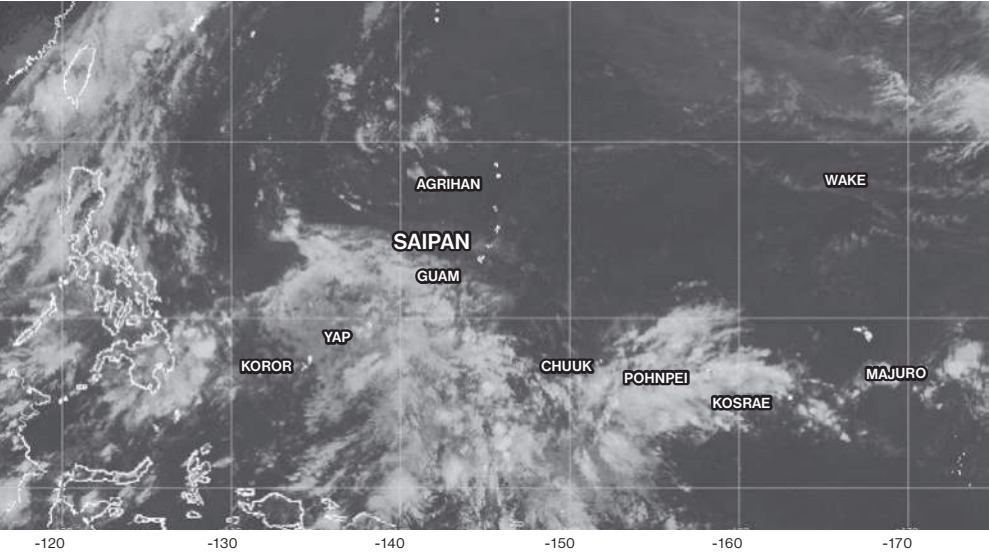
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but this may be partially offset with how many submarines are specifically assigned to the Pacific Ocean area of responsibility.

Our Pacific Islander civilization may also want to remember that Sumay, Guam and the naval submarine base located at this ancient village is of highest importance to the American imperial Navy due to its location in proximity to China. This means many things to our people and our Mariana Island chain, including the fact that it makes

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
									
Partly cloudy. Isolated morning showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East to northeast winds around 10 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 7:57 AM, SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows partly cloudy skies and only isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters. There is a trade-wind disturbance east of Saipan, near 15N149E. The buoys reveal combined seas of 2 to 4 feet, composed of east trade-wind swell and a north-northeast swell.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.


- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20



seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°	
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 81°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:46 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	3:22 AM	4:09 PM	-
Tuesday	3:58 AM	4:57 PM	-
Wednesday	4:38 AM	5:47 PM	-
Thursday	5:20 AM	6:38 PM	-
Friday	6:06 AM	7:31 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	63° / 52°	
Beijing	Sunny	73° / 48°	
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	91° / 82°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 76°	
London	Partly Cloudy	70° / 57°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 65°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Cloudy	61° / 45°	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	82° / 69°	
Osaka	Rain	75° / 64°	
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	72° / 57°	
Busan	Rain	75° / 64°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	77° / 55°	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	92° / 68°	
San Francisco	Sunny	82° / 60°	
Seoul	Sunny	73° / 52°	
Tokyo	Rain	77° / 66°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	87° / 71°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:08 AM	High Tide	1.96	
12:21 PM	Low Tide	0.33	
7:04 PM	High Tide	1.75	
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 20, 2021								
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 5, 6,		UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 3, 5, 6,
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam		UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
UA183	7:05pm	8:50pm	5		UA184	9:50pm	3:45am+1	5
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	1, 3,		UA184	10:25pm	4:10am+1	1, 3
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. <i>(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)</i>								

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable

1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

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Business

United to buy aircraft from Boom Supersonic

CHICAGO and DENVE—United Airlines announced a commercial agreement with Denver-based aerospace company Boom Supersonic to add aircraft to its global fleet as well as a cooperative sustainability initiative—a move that facilitates a leap forward in returning supersonic speeds to aviation.

Under the terms of the agreement, United will purchase 15 of Boom's "Overture" airliners, once Overture meets United's demanding safety, operating and sustainability requirements, with an option for an additional 35 aircraft. The companies will work together on meeting those requirements before delivery. Once operational, Overture is expected to be the first large commercial aircraft to be net-zero carbon from day one, optimized to run on 100% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). It

is slated to roll out in 2025, fly in 2026 and expected to carry passengers by 2029. United and Boom will also work together to accelerate production of greater supplies of SAF.

"United continues on its trajectory to build a more innovative, sustainable airline and today's advancements in technology are making it more viable for that to include supersonic planes. Boom's vision for the

future of commercial aviation, combined with the industry's most robust route network in the world, will give business and leisure travelers access to a stellar flight experience," United CEO Scott Kirby said. "Our mission has always been about connecting people and now working with Boom, we'll be able to do that on an even greater scale."

Capable of flying at speeds

» New aircraft will cut travel times in half and operate on up to 100% sustainable aviation fuel



UNITED
An artist's impression of how the new supersonic aircraft will look.

The common stock of UAL is traded on the Nasdaq under the symbol "UAL."

Boom Supersonic is redefining commercial air travel by bringing sustainable, supersonic flight to the skies. Boom's historic commercial airliner, Overture, is designed and committed to industry-leading standards of speed, safety, and sustainability. Overture will be the first commercial aircraft to be net-zero carbon from day one, capable of flying on 100% sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) at twice the speed of today's fastest passenger jets. Overture's order book, including purchases and options, stands at 70 aircraft, and Boom is working with the United States Air Force for government applications of Overture. XB-1, a demonstrator aircraft, rolled out in 2020, and its net-zero carbon flight test program is underway. The company is backed by world-class investors, including Bessemer Venture Partners, Prime Movers Lab, Emerson Collective and American Express Ventures. For more information, visit <https://boom-supersonic.com>. (PR)

Biden says jobs report bolsters case for government spending

President Joe Biden portrayed the May jobs report as a jumping off point for more spending on infrastructure and education to keep growth going—essentially an argument for his agenda. But the employment numbers issued Friday also hinted at the possible limits of how much government aid can be pumped into the world's largest economy.

"We're on the right track," Biden said. "Our plan is working. And we're not going to let up now. We're going to continue to move on. I'm extremely optimistic."

The May jobs report showed the complexity of restarting the economy after a pandemic shutdown and the mixed signals that can result when an unprecedented surge of government spending flows through the economy. Biden can congratulate his administration on 559,000 jobs being added and a 5.8% unemployment rate, yet the hiring was lower than what many economists expected after his \$1.9 trillion relief package.

Biden's challenge is to convince Americans that his administration's relief efforts to date have done well enough to sustain faster growth, instead of creating inflation and imbalances that

could jeopardize public support for his plans to invest at least another \$3 trillion in roads, clean energy, children and schools.

The report suggested that not enough people are seeking work, a possible problem for a president who is hoping that his rescue package will put the country back at full employment by 2022. While Biden viewed the jobs figures as a full-speed-ahead argument for his agenda, several economists were urging a degree of caution to see whether more Americans will start looking for jobs after the steep losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Republicans, for their part, found ways to turn the jobs report into an argument against Biden's plans to finance more government programs through tax increases on the wealthy and corporations. Their concern is that generous unemployment benefits have prevented people from accepting jobs and that the government aid—much of it still forthcoming—will fuel inflation.

Texas Rep. Kevin Brady, the top Republican on the House Ways & Means Committee, said Biden should divert more of the COVID-19 relief money to infrastructure. (AP)

of Mach 1.7—twice the speed of today's fastest airliners—Overture can connect more than 500 destinations in nearly half the time. Among the many future potential routes for United are Newark to London in just three and a half hours, Newark to Frankfurt in four hours and San Francisco to Tokyo in just six hours. Overture will also be designed with features such as in-seat entertainment screens, ample personal space, and contact-

less technology. Working with Boom is another component of United's strategy to invest in innovative technologies that will build a more sustainable future of air travel.

"The world's first purchase agreement for net-zero carbon supersonic aircraft marks a significant step toward our mission to create a more accessible world," said Blake Scholl, Boom Supersonic founder and CEO. "United and Boom share a common

purpose—to unite the world safely and sustainably. At speeds twice as fast, United passengers will experience all the advantages of life lived in person, from deeper, more productive business relationships to longer, more relaxing vacations to far-off destinations."

United's shared purpose is "Connecting People. Uniting the World." For more information, visit united.com, follow @United on Twitter and Instagram or connect on Facebook.

Biden rebuffs GOP infrastructure offer, citing broader goals

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Joe Biden has dismissed a fresh Republican infrastructure proposal that offered modestly more spending but fell short of "his objectives to grow the economy," the White House said.

His reaction Friday cast further doubt on the two parties' prospects for striking compromise on one of the administration's chief legislative priorities as deadlines slip and time runs out to make progress toward a deal.

The White House released the statement after Biden spoke by phone with West Virginia Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, the chief GOP negotiator. Both sides said the two would speak again on Monday, but Biden's team made clear the president will be casting about for talks with other senators.

"The President expressed his gratitude for her effort and goodwill, but also indicated that the current offer did not meet his objectives to grow the economy, tackle the climate crisis, and create new jobs," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.

A Capito statement provided no detail about their discussion or the new offer.

Making the pitch for Re-

publicans, Capito had suggested around a \$50 billion boost above the previous Republican offer of \$928 billion, the White House said, still leaving the GOP well short of the \$1.7 trillion that Biden is seeking.

In a further sign that a deal with Capito was seeming increasingly less likely, the White House said Biden told Capito that he would "continue to engage a number of Senators in both parties in the hopes of achieving a more substantial package."

For weeks, the president has been engaged in talks with GOP senators trying to strike a compromise on Biden's top legislative priority, the big infrastructure investment package. While the two sides appear to have narrowed the price gap between his initial \$2.3 trillion proposal and the GOP's \$568 billion opening bid, they remain far apart on the scope of the deal and how to pay for it.

Biden wants to raise corporate taxes to generate revenues for the infrastructure investments, a nonstarter for Republicans. The GOP senators propose tapping unspent COVID-19 relief aid to pay for the roads, bridges and other projects, an idea rejected by Democrats.

Earlier in the day, after the release of a modest May jobs report, Biden made the case for his robust investment package to push the economy past the COVID-19 crisis and downturn, and into a new era.

"Now is the time to build on the progress we've made," Biden told reporters in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. "We need to make those investments today to continue to succeed tomorrow."

After returning to the White House, Biden spoke with Capito by telephone. The White House had been eyeing a deadline early next week as Congress returns from its Memorial Day break to see progress toward a deal. Meanwhile, Democrats are setting the ground work for a go-it-alone approach. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has indicated that Biden will look to act without Republican support if there is no consensus.

Psaki downplayed any hard-set deadline Friday and said the administration continues to talk to lawmakers from both parties.

"There's runway left," Psaki told reporters at the White House. "We're going to keep a range of pathways open."

Republicans are showing

no interest in Biden's latest proposal for a 15% corporate minimum tax rate that would ensure all companies pay something in taxes, rather than allowing so many write-offs or deductions that they contribute zero to the Treasury.

A Republican familiar with the talks and granted anonymity to discuss the private assessment said the GOP senators view that idea as an unnecessary tax hike. They had already rejected his initial proposal to hike the corporate tax rate, from 21% to 28%.

Instead, Republicans are insisting on using untapped COVID-19 relief funds to pay for the infrastructure investments. Biden's team has rejected that approach.

Still, neither Biden nor the GOP senators appear ready to call off talks, even as Democrats prepare to use budget rules to pass any big package on their own, without Republican votes.

On Friday, House Democrats released a plan for spending \$547 billion over the next five years on road, mass transit and rail projects, a blueprint of their priorities and a potential building block for Biden's broader package.

Nation

Trump to GOP: Support candidates who ‘stand for our values’

Donald Trump on Saturday pushed Republicans to support candidates who are loyal to him in next year's midterm elections as the former president launched a new more active phase of his post presidency.

Trump, 74, teased the prospect of another presidential bid of his own in 2024, but vowed first to be an active presence on the campaign trail for those who share his values in next year's fight for control of Congress.

"The survival of America depends on our ability to elect Republicans at every level starting with the midterms next year," Trump charged early in a rambling speech that spanned nearly an hour and a half.

Trump's speech to hundreds of Republican officials and activists gathered for the North Carolina GOP convention was the opening appearance in what is expected to be a new phase of rallies and public events. Out of office for more than four months and banned from his preferred social media accounts, the former president hopes to use such events to elevate his diminished voice ahead of another potential presidential run.

His advisers are already eyeing subsequent appearances in Ohio, Florida, Alabama and Georgia to help bolster midterm candidates and energize voters.



Some party leaders worry that a rise of pro-Trump candidates in the coming months could jeopardize the GOP's fight for control of Congress in 2022. While Trump remains a dominant force within his party, he is deeply unpopular among key segments of the broader electorate. He lost the last election by 7 million votes after alienating Republican-

leaning suburban voters across the country.

In contrast to the mega rallies that filled sports arenas when Trump was president, he faced a crowd that organizers estimated at 1,200 seated at dinner tables inside the Greenville convention center Saturday night. Tens of thousands more followed along on internet streams.

Invited to the stage briefly during his remarks, Trump daughter-in-law and North Carolina native Lara Trump announced she would not run for the Senate because of family obligations.

"I am saying no for now, not no forever," Lara Trump said.

Minutes later, Trump announced his endorsement of loyalist Rep. Ted Budd in the

crowded Republican primary, adding a slap at former Gov. Pat McCrory, who has been critical of Trump's falsehoods about the 2020 election.

"You can't pick people who have already lost two races and do not stand for our values," Trump said.

McCrory served as the North Carolina governor from 2013 to 2017, but lost elections before and after his term.

The former president waited more than an hour to advance

AP
Former President Donald Trump speaks at the North Carolina Republican Convention in Greenville, N.C., on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

falsehoods about the 2020 election, which he described as "the crime of the century."

Since leaving the White House, Trump has regularly made baseless claims that the last presidential election was stolen. The claims have triggered a wave of Republican-backed voting restrictions in state legislatures across the country, even though Trump's cries of voting fraud have been refuted by dozens of judges, Republican governors and senior officials from his own administration.

Trump focused his early remarks on President Joe Biden, which he called "the most radical left-wing administration in history."

"As we gather tonight our country is being destroyed before our very eyes," he said.

Democratic National Committee spokesman Ammar Moussa took a shot at Trump in a statement released ahead of his speech.

"More than 400,000 dead Americans, millions of jobs lost, and recklessly dangerous rhetoric is apparently not enough for Republicans to break with a loser president who cost them the White House, Senate, and House," Moussa said. (AP)

GOP aims to revive Fauci attacks after email trove released

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Anthony Fauci has been a political lightning rod since the early days of the pandemic, lionized by the left and villainized by the right.

But with the release of a trove of Fauci's emails this past week, Republicans' political attacks on the nation's top government infectious-diseases expert have gone into overdrive.

On conservative news channels, President Joe Biden's pandemic adviser has been baselessly pilloried as a liar who misled the American people about the origins of COVID-19 to protect the Chinese government. There's no evidence of wrongdoing, but Republican calls for his resignation have grown louder, as have demands for new investigations into the origins of the virus.

"Given what we know now, I don't know how anyone can have confidence that he should remain in a position of public trust and authority," said Republican Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri, a potential presidential hopeful who is calling for Fauci's resignation and a full congressional inquiry.

The political moves by Republicans represent a new ef-

fort to find a reliable foil in the first few months of the Biden administration, as they have struggled to turn public sentiment against the new president. So far, Biden has enjoyed widespread job approval, buoyed by the public's broad backing of his handling of the pandemic, which 71% of Americans support, according to a recent Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll.

Fauci, who has a security detail because of ongoing threats and who did not respond to a request for comment for this story, has repeatedly defended his work, saying he received thousands of emails and has never ruled out any theory.

"I still believe the most likely origin is from an animal species to a human, but I keep an absolutely open mind that if there may be other origins of that, there may be another reason, it could have been a lab leak," Fauci said Thursday on CNN.

The doctor's newly released emails, which span the early days of the pandemic and were obtained by BuzzFeed News and The Washington Post, show no evidence of any

kind of coverup about the origin of the virus. Indeed, many of the discussions reflect the science at the time. But Republicans, including former President Donald Trump, have seized on the emails as proof of a conspiracy to obscure the source of the virus.

In one email, from Feb. 1 of last year, Kristian Andersen, a researcher at the Scripps Research Institute, wrote to Fauci, the longtime director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, about ongoing efforts to decipher the origin of the novel coronavirus.

At the time, the lab leak hypothesis was largely dismissed by experts. It has recently gained traction, though the origins of the virus remain unknown.

"The unusual features of the virus make up a really small part of the genome (0.1%) so one has to look really closely at all the sequences to see that some of the features (potentially) look engineered," Andersen wrote. He said he and his colleagues "all find the genome inconsistent with expectations from evolutionary theory. But," he added, "we have to look at

this much more closely and there are still further analyses to be done, so those opinions could still change."

By the next month, it turned out, they had. He and his colleagues published an article in *Nature Medicine* in which they concluded that it was "improbable that SARS-CoV-2 emerged through laboratory manipulation of a related SARS-CoV-like coronavirus."

In another email, Fauci was thanked by the head of a nonprofit that helped fund research at China's Wuhan Institute of Virology, "for publicly standing up and stating that the scientific evidence supports a natural origin," which he said "will help dispel the myths being spun around the virus' origins."

Andersen, the scientist who wrote the "engineered" email, has tried to offer further explanation.

"As I have said many times, we seriously considered a lab leak a possibility. However, significant new data, extensive analyses, and many discussions led to the conclusions in our paper. What the email shows, is a clear example of the scientific process," he tweeted amid the backlash.

Protest erupts again over man killed by Minnesota deputies

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Protesters faced off with officers in Minneapolis early Saturday over the shooting death of a Black man by members of a U.S. Marshals task force.

Photos from the scene following a vigil for Winston Boogie Smith Jr., 32, showed dumpster fires in the street and a line of officers standing guard. It was the second night of protests in response to the fatal shooting Thursday in Minneapolis' Uptown neighborhood.

Police said 27 people were arrested in the protest, with 26 accused of rioting and one facing a weapons charge. No injuries were reported. Some businesses sustained damage, police said.

Authorities said Friday that Smith was wanted on a weapons violation and fired a gun before two deputies shot him while he was inside a parked vehicle.

Members of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force were trying to arrest him on a warrant for allegedly being a felon in possession of a gun.

Family and friends described Smith as a father of three who was often harassed by police. They are demanding transparency in the investigation and have asked that anyone who might have video footage to come forward.

Police said some people vandalized buildings and stole from businesses after the shooting Thursday. Nine people were arrested on possible charges including suspicion of riot, assault, arson and damage to property.

The fatal shooting comes as Minneapolis has been on edge since the death of George Floyd just over a year ago, and the fatal shooting of Daunte Wright by an officer in nearby Brooklyn Center in April.

Asia

Detained HK activist says arrest meant to ‘frighten’

HONG KONG (AP)—A Hong Kong activist was released Saturday after being detained on suspicion of publicizing a commemoration of China’s deadly crackdown in Beijing’s Tiananmen Square, and said her arrest was meant to have a chilling effect on marking the anniversary.

Chow Hang Tung had helped organize previous candlelight vigils on June 4, and her arrest Friday coincided with the 32nd anniversary of the Tiananmen crackdown in 1989.

Police said Chow was arrested on suspicion of publicizing an unauthorized assembly. The vigil was banned for a second year running, with authorities in the semi-autonomous Chinese city citing pandemic-related social distancing restrictions.

“Somehow this prohibition on promoting an unlawful, prohibited assembly became a prohibition on promoting any remembrance of the June 4 massacre, in any form, in any place, in any format by anyone,” Chow told reporters after

her release on bail Saturday.

She said the government was using a “quantum leap of logic” in her arrest, and said authorities aimed to “frighten” people and prevent them from marking the Tiananmen crackdown.

She said those working to prevent the commemoration were covering “the crimes of the killers in 1989” and “helping and consolidating this unjust one-party dictatorship.”

Chow is a key member of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China, which has organized the annual vigil in the city’s Victoria Park. In recent days, she said she would still go to the park on her own, despite the ban, and urged others to light candles wherever they were.

Hundreds, if not thousands of people lost their lives when China’s military put down student-led pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square. China’s ruling Communist Party has never allowed public events on the mainland to

mark the anniversary.

Chinese officials have said that the country’s rapid economic development since what they call the “political turmoil” of 1989 proves that decisions made at the time were correct.

Although police on Friday closed off parts of Victoria Park and arrested Chow, hundreds of Hong Kongers were undeterred, gathering to walk around the perimeter of the park. Many dressed in black and used their phones’ flashlights instead of candles.

Across the city, street booths were also set up and small groups gathered in various locations to light candles.

Police said at least six people—four men and two women aged between 20 and 75—were arrested across Hong Kong as of 11.30 p.m. Friday. They were arrested on suspicion of inciting others to participate in an unauthorized assembly, common assault, criminal damage, disorderly conduct in a public place and obstruction of police.

Senators: US to give vaccines to Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—The U.S. will give Taiwan 750,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines, part of President Joe Biden’s move to share millions of jabs globally, three senators said Sunday, after the self-ruled island complained that China is hindering its efforts to secure the injections amid an outbreak.

Democratic Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois, who arrived in Taiwan with her two colleagues, said the trip underscores the bipartisan support for the democratic island that Beijing claims as its own renegade territory.

“We are here as friends, because we know that Taiwan is experiencing a challenging time right now, which was why it was especially important for the three of us to be here in a bipartisan way,” said Duckworth.

“It was critical to the United States that Taiwan be included in the first group to receive vaccines, because we recognize your urgent need, and we value this partnership.”

Republican Sen. Dan Sullivan of Alaska, a member of the Armed Services Committee, and Democratic Sen. Christopher Coons of Delaware, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, also arrived Sunday morning.

Taiwan’s Foreign Minister Joseph Wu received the sena-



Taiwan’s Foreign Minister Joseph Wu, second right, gestures as he welcomes U.S. senators to his right Democratic Sen. Christopher Coons of Delaware, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, Democratic Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois and Republican Sen. Dan Sullivan of Alaska, members of the Armed Services Committee on their arrival at the Songshan Airport in Taipei, Taiwan on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

tors at the airport said he was “delighted” to welcome them and thanked them for their staunch support.

“Taiwan is facing unique challenges in combating the virus,” he said. “While we are doing our best to import vaccines, we must overcome obstacles to ensure that these life-saving medicine are delivered free from troubles of Beijing.”

He said China continues to try block Taiwan’s international assistance and prevent it from participating in the World Health Organization. “We are no strangers to that kind of ob-

structionism,” he said.

Wu said Taiwan was fortunate to have many like-minded countries showing their support, which he said is about sustaining freedom and democracy in the face of autocracy.

China has in recent months increased pressure on the island, including flying warplanes into Taiwan’s airspace.

Taiwan and China split amid civil war in 1949, and most Taiwanese favor maintaining the current state of de facto independence while engaging in robust economic exchanges with the mainland.

World

Normandy commemorates D-Day with small crowds, but big heart

COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France (AP)—When the sun rises over Omaha Beach, revealing vast stretches of wet sand extending toward distant cliffs, one starts to grasp the immensity of the task faced by Allied soldiers on June 6, 1944, landing on the Nazi-occupied Normandy shore.

Several ceremonies are scheduled Sunday to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the decisive assault that led to the liberation of France and western Europe from Nazi control, and honor those who fell.

On D-Day, more than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches code-named Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword and Gold, carried by 7,000 boats. This year on June 6, the beaches stood vast and empty as the sun rose, exactly 77 years since the dawn invasion. For the second year in a row, anniversary commemorations are marked by virus travel restrictions that have prevented veterans or families of fallen soldiers from the U.S., Britain, Canada and other Allied countries

making the trip to France. Only a few officials were allowed exceptions.

Most public events have been canceled, and the official ceremonies are limited to a small number of selected guests and dignitaries.

Denis van den Brink, a WWII expert working for the town of Carentan, site of a strategic battle near Utah Beach, acknowledged the “big loss, the big absence is all the veterans who couldn’t travel.”

“That really hurts us very much because they are all around 95, 100 years old, and we hope they’re going to last forever. But, you know...” he said. “At least we remain in a certain spirit of commemoration, which is the most important,” he told The Associated Press.

Over the anniversary weekend, many local residents have come out to visit the monuments marking the key moments of the fight and show their gratitude to the soldiers. Dozens of French World War II history enthusiasts, and a few travelers from neighboring European countries, could also

be seen in jeeps and military vehicles on the small roads of Normandy.

Some reenactors came to Omaha Beach in the early hours of the day to pay tribute to those who fell that day, bringing flowers and American flags.

On D-Day, 4,414 Allied troops lost their lives, 2,501 of them Americans. More than 5,000 were wounded. On the German side, several thousand were killed or wounded.

A few kilometers (miles) away from Omaha Beach, the British Normandy Memorial is to be inaugurated on Sunday outside the village of Vers-sur-Mer. Visitors stand in awe at the solemnity and serenity of the place providing a spectacular view over Gold Beach and the English Channel.

The monument, built under a project launched in 2016, pays tribute to those under British command who died on D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy. The names of more than 22,000 men and women, mostly British soldiers, are written on its stone columns.

UN: Famine is imminent in Ethiopia’s embattled Tigray region

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Famine is imminent in Ethiopia’s embattled Tigray region and in the country’s north, the U.N. humanitarian chief said, warning there’s a risk that hundreds of thousands of people or more will die.

Mark Lowcock said the economy has been destroyed along with businesses, crops and farms and there are no banking or telecommunications services.

“We are hearing of starvation-related deaths already,” he said in a statement Friday.

“People need to wake up,” Lowcock said. “The international community needs to really step up, including through the provision of money.”

No one knows how many thousands of civilians or combatants have been killed since months of political tensions between Ethiopian President Abiy Ahmed’s government and the Tigray leaders who once dominated Ethiopia’s government exploded into war last November.

Eritrea, a longtime Tigray enemy, teamed up with neighboring Ethiopia in the conflict.

In late May, Lowcock painted a grim picture of Ti-

gray since the war began, with an estimated 2 million people displaced, civilians killed and injured, rapes and other forms of “abhorrent sexual violence” widespread and systematic, and public and private infrastructure essential for civilians destroyed, including hospitals and agricultural land.

“There are now hundreds of thousands of people in northern Ethiopia in famine conditions,” Lowcock said. “That’s the worse famine problem the world has seen for a decade, since a quarter of a million Somalis lost their lives in the famine there in 2011. This now has horrible echoes of the colossal tragedy in Ethiopia in 1984.”

In the disastrous famine of 1984-85, about 2 million Africans died of starvation or famine-related ailments, about half of them in Ethiopia.

“There is now a risk of a loss of life running into the hundreds of thousands or worse,” Lowcock said.

He said getting food and other humanitarian aid to all those in need is proving very difficult for aid agencies.

The United Nations and the Ethiopian government

have helped about 2 million people in recent months in northern Ethiopia, mainly in government-controlled areas, he said.

But Lowcock said there are more than 1 million people in places controlled by Tigrayan opposition forces and “there have been deliberate, repeated, sustained attempts to prevent them getting food.”

In addition, there are places controlled by the Eritreans and other places controlled by militia groups where it is extremely difficult to deliver aid, he said.

“The access for aid workers is not there because of what men with guns and bombs are doing and what their political masters are telling them to do,” the undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs said.

Lowcock said all the blockages need to be rolled back and the Eritreans, “who are responsible for a lot of this need to withdraw,” so aid can get through to those facing famine.

“Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed needs to do what he said he was going to do and force the Eritreans to leave Ethiopia,” he said.

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Olga Stavridis, 53, left, and her daughter Maria Stavridis, 21, right, work out with personal trainer Caitlin Kennelly in the garage of Donna Reda's Upper Arlington home.

■ EXPERTS ■ Workouts at home can be effective with minimal cost and a little creativity

By KEN GORDON
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Like many Americans, Donna Reda struggled with maintaining a workout routine last spring when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down fitness centers.

"I had all kinds of little exercises

on my iPad, and I would just look at them and turn it off and walk away," said the Upper Arlington, Ohio, resident. "It was easier to sit in a chair or read a book or eat something than to go stand and exercise for an hour."

The solution turned out to be one door away. Her neighbor, Olga Stavridis, had been undergoing physical therapy. When Stavridis found out the therapist also was a

personal trainer, she and Reda decided to hire her.

For the past several months, Caitlin Kennelly, personal training manager for Columbus Fitness Consultants, has come to Reda's garage twice a week at 7 a.m. There, Kennelly puts Reda, Stavridis and Stavridis' daughter Maria through an hour-long rotation of exercises.

The neighbors pooled the equipment they had: 5, 8 and 10-pound

dumbbells, an exercise ball, resistance bands and yoga mats, as well as a 25-pound weight that Kennelly brings.

They do squats, lunges, crunches, step-ups on the stair between the garage and house, and whatever else Kennelly dreams up.

"I'll admit to sometimes using four-letter words," Reda said. "I've never been pushed like she has pushed us."

"But at the same time, it has been wonderful. I can't even tell you what a godsend it is to my mental health. I said to her, 'If I didn't have this to look forward to, I don't know what I'd do.'"

Hiring a personal trainer may not be for everyone, but experts say most people can maintain an adequate workout routine at home with minimal cost.

And that's good news as the pandemic has surged in recent months. Even if gyms have reopened, many people may not be comfortable returning.

Dr. Craig Pulliam, fitness team leader at the OhioHealth McConnell Heart Health Center, said about

cable systems we have in the gym."

Rue said, "Their uses are limitless, you can work out pretty much any muscle in the body using them."

To make sure one is using proper form during these exercises, Rue also suggested having a mirror in the workout space.

A variety of lightweight dumbbells, such as the ones Reda and her neighbors use, also are useful, they said.

But people have been finding it difficult to find those in stores during the pandemic, so the good news is there are household equivalents.

Kennelly said a large can of soup can weigh up to three pounds. A full gallon milk jug weighs about eight pounds, she said.

Rue suggested paint cans or milk jugs, "or you can use a chair as an elevated surface and do tricep dips. You can use the things around you pretty well, and really, you can do a lot with your own body weight."

As for cardio, of course there are treadmills and rowing machines and stair-climbers. But again, your home may provide some of what you need, particularly when bad weather keeps you from going for a jog or bike ride.



Olga Stavridis, 53, left, and Donna Reda, 70, work out with personal trainer Caitlin Kennelly, middle, of Columbus Fitness Consultants. The woman says the exercise has improved their mental health as well.

a third of the center's members have not returned to the gym.

Dr. Brian Rue, a primary care sports medicine doctor in the Mount Carmel Health System, said he would not recommend working out in a gym at this point.

"There are so many variables, with air filtration systems, with other people not wearing masks properly, and of course, you're touching a lot of different surfaces," Rue said. "In general, the safer thing to do is work out at home."

So what does one need for an effective home workout?

Pulliam said the first priority is finding the right space in your house that you dedicate to fitness. Next, he said, is deciding what type of workout you would enjoy (strengthening versus cardio, for instance) and will therefore be more likely to stick with.

As for equipment, Kennelly, Pulliam and Rue all said resistance bands may be the best investment one can make.

"They're the most versatile thing you can purchase," Pulliam said. "You can anchor them to many things, and they replicate the robust

"I like to do stairs," Kennelly said. "I've done this thing at home where I go to the basement and then take two stairs at a time from the basement to the second floor and jog back down again. I'll give myself 30 seconds to rest and then do it again."

The only drawback, she said, is "it drives my dog crazy."

The American College of Sports Medicine recommends 150 minutes of moderate exercise a week. Pulliam said he recommends not doing strength-training on consecutive days.

Rue said he describes moderate exercise as an activity that someone can do, "while talking in mostly complete sentences, but not singing."

Rue said any amount of exercise is helpful though. He did not want to discourage anyone from working out for 10 or 15 minutes a day if that's all the time they have.

For Reda, her 120 minutes a week with Kennelly have been plenty. She has enjoyed it enough that she's not sure she will ever return to her gym.

"I haven't addressed that yet, we'll see what happens when this (pandemic) is all settled down," she said. "I'll keep Caitlin as long as I can."



Olga Stavridis, 53, jump ropes in the driveway of her neighbor Donna Reda's Upper Arlington house, while working out with personal trainer Caitlin Kennelly on Dec. 15.

Life & Style

Ex-child actor Drake Bell accused of child endangerment

CLEVELAND (AP)—One of the stars of the popular Nickelodeon children's show "Drake & Josh" faces criminal charges regarding a girl he had met online and who attended his 2017 concert in Ohio when she was 15.

Jared "Drake" Bell, 34, pleaded not guilty on Thurs-

day in a Cleveland courtroom to a felony charge of attempted endangering children and a misdemeanor charge of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles.

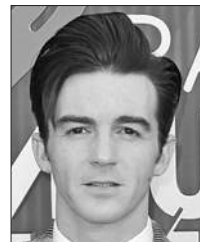
"All facts will be revealed in a courtroom," Bell's attorney Ian Friedman said Friday, declining to comment further.

Bell was charged by information, which typically indicates a plea agreement has been reached. He is scheduled to appear before a judge on June 23.

Tyler Sinclair, spokesperson for Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley, said the girl filed a complaint with

Canadian police in October 2018. Police there contacted Cleveland police, prompting an investigation.

The attempted endangering children charge relates to the concert, Sinclair said, where Bell "violated his duty of care" and created a risk



Bell

of harm to the victim. He didn't elaborate further.

Bell and the girl had "developed a relationship" online several years prior to the concert, Sinclair said. The disseminating harmful material charge concerns Bell having sent the girl "inappropriate social media

messages," Sinclair said.

Bell, also a singer, began acting as a child, but was catapulted to stardom as a teen with Nickelodeon's "The Amanda Show" and later "Drake & Josh," which debuted on the channel in January 2004. The final episode aired in September 2007. Bell and co-star Josh Beck also starred in two "Drake & Josh" movies.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

COVID-19 spurs shutdown of 'Mission Impossible' set

LONDON (AP)—Paramount Pictures on Thursday temporarily shut down production on the British set of Tom Cruise's seventh "Mission: Impossible" film after someone tested positive for coronavirus. "We have temporarily halted production on 'Mission: Impossible 7' until June 14th, due to positive coronavirus test results during routine testing," a Paramount spokesperson said in a statement. "We are following all safety protocols and will continue to monitor the situation." The company provided no further details. In December, Cruise launched an expletive-laden rant at colleagues on the "Mission: Impossible" set, after he reportedly spotted two crew members violating social distancing rules. In audio released by the Sun tabloid, Cruise can be heard warning that anyone caught not following the rules to stay at least 2 meters (more than 6.5 feet) away from others will be fired. The film, which paused production for months early last year along with the rest of the film industry when the coronavirus pandemic took

hold, is scheduled to be released in 2022.

'Gone Girl' actor in critical condition after hit-and-run

NEW YORK (AP)—"Gone Girl" and "Cocktail" actor Lisa Banes remained hospitalized in critical condition Saturday night after being injured in a hit-and-run accident in New York City, her manager said. Banes, 65, was struck by either a scooter or a motorcycle in the Upper West Side of Manhattan near Lincoln Center on Friday evening as she was crossing Amsterdam Avenue on the way to visit the Julliard School, her alma mater, manager David Williams said in an email to The Associated Press. Williams said Banes was being treated at Mount Sinai Morningside hospital for "substantial injuries." Police declined to name the hit-and-run victim, and no arrests have been announced. Banes has appeared in numerous television shows and movies, including supporting roles in "Gone Girl" starring Ben Affleck in 2014 and "Cocktail" with Tom Cruise in 1988. On television, she's had roles on "Nashville," "Madam Secretary," "Masters of Sex"

and "NCIS."

Princess Diana's wedding dress goes on display in London

LONDON (AP)—The dress Princess Diana wore at her 1981 wedding to Prince Charles went on public display Thursday at the late princess's former home in London. The taffeta-ruffled white dress designed by David and Elizabeth Emanuel, with its 25 foot (8 meter) sequin-encrusted train, helped seal the fairytale image of the wedding of Lady Diana Spencer and the heir to the British throne. Reality soon intruded. The couple separated in 1992 and divorced in 1996, with both acknowledging extramarital affairs. Diana died in a car crash in Paris in 1997 at the age of 36. Her sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, have loaned their mother's wedding dress for the exhibition "Royal Style in the Making." The exhibit also features sketches, photographs and gowns designed for three generations of royal women, including Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother. It runs until Jan. 2, 2022.

'Good feeling': Ai Weiwei picks Portugal for new show, home

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—Dissident Chinese artist Ai Weiwei is putting on the biggest show of his career, and he is doing it in a place he's fallen in love with: Portugal.

The world-renowned visual artist's new exhibition, "Rapture," opens in the Portuguese capital Lisbon on Friday.

Ai arrived in Portugal almost two years ago and says he has no plans to return to Germany or England, where he has also lived since leaving China in 2015.

"I have a great feeling" about Portugal, the artist said Thursday. "This is a place I'm staying."

Ai's show in São Paulo in 2018 covered twice the area of the Lisbon exhibit but had fewer works on display.

"Rapture" is being presented in a long, low, riverside building that housed Portugal's national rope factory starting in the 18th century and now hosts temporary art exhibitions. Ai's show runs until Nov. 28.

The 85 pieces include some of Ai's iconic works, as well as new ones produced exclusively in Portugal.

"Forever Bicycles," from 2015, a giant sculpture using 960 stainless steel bicycles as



Dissident Chinese artist Ai Weiwei poses by his sculpture "Forever Bicycles" during a press preview of his new exhibition "Rapture" in Lisbon, Thursday, June 3, 2021. AP

building blocks, stands at the entrance to the building. Ai's 16-meter-long (52-foot-long) black inflatable boat with human figures, which alludes to the migration crisis, is also in Lisbon, as are some other of his well-known installations, sculptures, videos and photographs.

Ai notes, however, that most of the works "have never met each other" and are appearing in the same place for the first time.

Ai was arrested at Beijing's airport in April 2011 and held for 81 days without explanation during a wider crackdown

on dissent. He moved to Europe after Chinese authorities returned his passport.

He has traveled across Portugal visiting craftspeople and manufacturers who use traditional Portuguese methods and materials such as marble, textiles, hand-painted tiles and cork.

His experimentation has yielded a self-portrait sculpture in cork, a cut-out world map in fabric that stands about 1.5 meters (5 feet) high, a 40-meter-long (130-foot-long) rug, and a marble cylinder almost 2 meters (6.5 feet) high.

Vacation host has reservation about young guest

DEAR ABBY: I am an active 90-year-old grandmother who every year treats my family to a week's vacation at a beach house. We have a lovely time together.

Two years ago, my grown son, "Robert," brought his girlfriend, "Gennifer," and her teenage son, "Jackson." After the trip I was shocked to hear Jackson had killed the family kittens "to see how it felt." I was horrified, but knowing he was in therapy, I eventually agreed to allow him to join us on the trip last year.

We are now looking forward to our trip this summer. However, it was recently mentioned that Jackson has been hearing voices instructing him to kill a human. While I am sympathetic to his mental illness, I am extremely frightened for myself and for other family members who are coming. I do not want Jackson to come this year.

I am concerned that if I approach the subject with Robert, he will be upset and I will lose all contact with him. Because he lives out of state, our visits are limited as it is. Please help me, because the trip is in about four weeks.

SLEEPLESS SEASIDE

DEAR SLEEPLESS: Clearly, Jackson is seriously disturbed. Because you are fearful that you or some other family member could be hurt—or worse—talk to your son about it. That boy's mother should not take him anywhere without first clearing it with his psychiatrist. You should not be ex-

pected to entertain him as a houseguest unless you can be assured that he won't present a danger to himself or to others.

DEAR ABBY: I'm pleased and proud that so many people fly our American flag. However, it makes me sad and angry when I see flags that are torn and tattered. People, please. If your flag is in bad shape, take it down and dispose of it properly. Many organizations, police departments, fire departments, Girl and Boy Scouts, the VFW and American Legion collect worn and damaged flags and hold proper disposal ceremonies. Abby, please remind your readers who are proud of our country to be respectful of our flag.

FLAG WAYER IN INDIANA

DEAR FLAG WAYER: There are rules for appropriately displaying and disposing of our American flag, some of which proud Americans either choose to break or are ignorant about. (One that comes to mind addresses wearing clothing such as T-shirts, bathing suits—and face masks—bearing the likeness of the flag.) Many American Legion posts hold ceremonies once a year so people can dispose of flags that have "seen better days." For those who are interested in learning more, and there is plenty more to learn, go online and type in a search for "U.S. flag code."

DEAR ABBY: Should a spouse stay in a marriage with mi-

DEAR ABBY

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nor children involved if they have fallen out of love and are no longer sexually attracted to their spouse?

JUST WONDERING IN CALIFORNIA

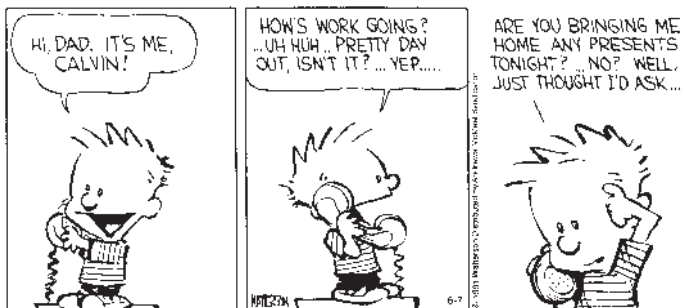
DEAR JUST WONDERING: I don't think so, because under those circumstances, the relationship is likely at some point to implode. The important issue is that the children be provided for financially and co-parented by two loving, supportive adults who can function as a team, even if they are living apart.

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9 Morrison of The Doors

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19 Uncle (Sp.)

21 Guitar master

23 "CSI" find

25 Stallion's mate

26 Miles away

27 July birthstone

28 Finn's vessel

29 Acknowledge

30 Corrida charger

31 "Mayday!"

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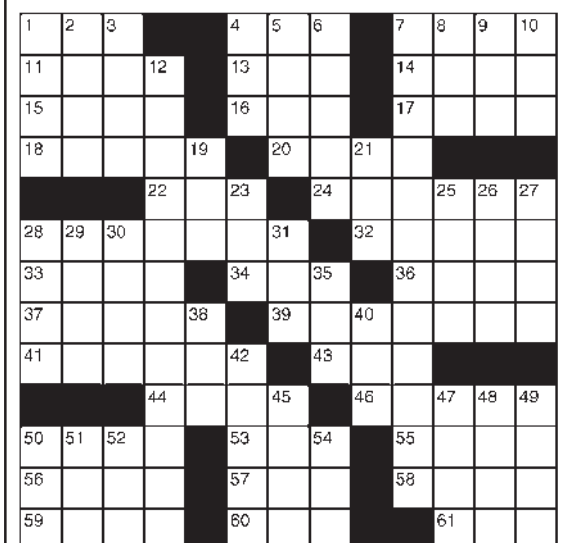
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Happy Birthday: Set high standards, control your emotions and study before taking action. Plan and negotiate, and you will find common ground with like-minded people. Prepare yourself to any situation that may jeopardize your chance to reach your goal. Use your ingenuity, think outside the box and know your capabilities; everything will turn out as planned. Your numbers are 5, 13, 22, 25, 28, 36, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Discipline and hard work will pay off. Play by the rules, verify the information you receive and don't apply force when you encounter a problem. Look for solid solutions that accommodate everyone's needs. Take safety measures to avoid health hazards. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consider adjustments that will make your life easier. Stop putting everyone first, and start focusing on what will help you establish what you want to achieve. A personal change will boost your confidence and popularity. Home improvement is encouraged. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take care of your responsibilities first. Refuse to let anything sidetrack you. Follow through with your plans, and put everything in place for what you want to achieve this week. Look at the big picture, and make adjustments to ensure success. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Observe, learn and update your image. Keeping up with trends will help you position yourself to excel. Expand your interests. Find alternative ways to socialize with people who have

something to offer. Associate with groups trying to make a difference. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Aim to stabilize your situation, not disrupt your life. Take the path most appealing, not the one someone wants you to follow. Use your intelligence to manipulate situations to favor what you want to incorporate into your everyday routine. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen carefully, and don't dismiss what others are capable of doing. Recognize your options and be proactive when bringing about changes that will improve your life and meaningful relationships. Express yourself through your actions, not your words. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll pick up information and new skills quickly. Gravitate toward settings that are conducive to learning/stimulating your mind. Stabilize your life. Decipher what you can use constructively; eliminate anything that doesn't suit your needs. ***

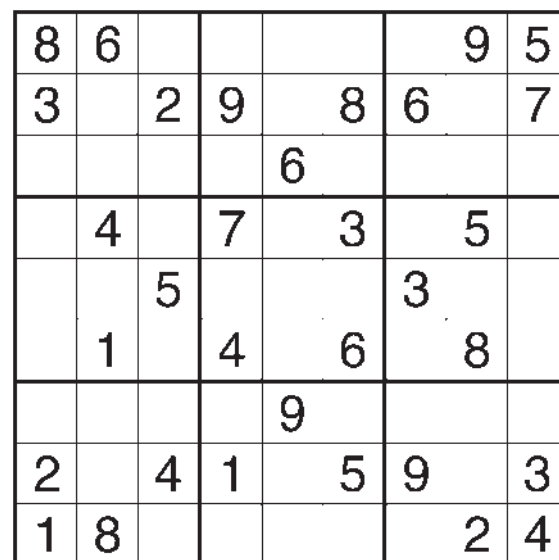
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Formulate changes based on what makes you happy. Focus on health and well-being, better relationships with friends and relatives, and physical improvements that build confidence. Seriously consider getting rid of costly overhead that limits your ability to live life your way. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't believe everything you hear. Question anyone who is promising the impossible. Concentrate on what you can do to lower your overhead. Too much of anything will weigh you down. Don't depend on others. If you want something done, do it yourself. ***

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By Dave Green



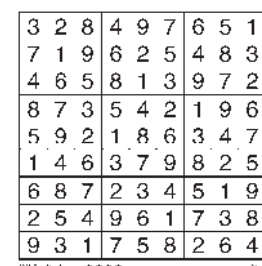
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Last Friday's Answer



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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't labor over what you can't change. Give your undivided attention to what you can do to excel. Make changes at home that will add to your comfort and convenience. A passionate, demonstrative appeal to others will help you get your way. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Control your emotions to offset a negative response. Pick your battles wisely, and stay focused on what's important to you. Use your intelligence to navigate your way through situations that can limit your freedom to do things your way. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Rethink what you are doing with your life, then consider your options. Choose what's worthwhile, and walk away from situations that make you anxious. Make changes that will add to your stability and not promote financial or emotional debt. *****

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, guarded and articulate. You are persuasive and proactive.

☉: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☽: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☿: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ♀: Aim high; start new projects. ♀: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Durant, Irving carry Nets in opener after Harden hurt



NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Durant knew something was wrong when the Brooklyn Nets were trying to run a play and James Harden wasn't in the right spot.

Moments later, Harden wasn't even in the game, forced to leave with a right hamstring injury less than a minute into the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"That was tough," Nets coach Steve Nash said.

Durant and Kyrie Irving made sure it wasn't a knock-out blow.

Durant scored 29 points, Irving had 25 and the two superstars carried Brooklyn to a 115-107 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night in Game 1.

Harden's injury is the same one that forced him to miss two losses to the Bucks in May.

But the Nets beat Mil-

waukee when it mattered most without him, getting 19 points from Joe Harris and 18 points and 14 rebounds from Blake Griffin.

"We try not to be too emotional out there, but losing one of your leaders like that on the first play of the game, we had to regroup for a couple of minutes and figure out what was next, but I think the coaches, the coaching staff did a great job of moving forward," Durant said. "Guys came in and just tried to play extremely hard. We didn't care about anything else but playing and executing the game plan and just leaving it all out there."

And they got a solid defensive effort despite giving up plenty of size, limiting the Bucks to 13 points below their NBA-leading average.

Durant grabbed 10 rebounds and Irving had eight assists, throwing some spectacular passes as the Nets moved the



Milwaukee Bucks forward P.J. Tucker defends against a shot by Brooklyn Nets forward Kevin Durant during the first half of Game 1 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series Saturday, June 5, 2021, in New York.

ball around quickly and had the Bucks a step or more behind all night.

"We've got to guard defensively together, especially against this team," Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo said.

Game 2 is Monday night.

"Our guys got to execute defensively regardless of who's on the court, execute offensively regardless of who's on the court," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "We've got to be better.

We'll be better Monday."

Antetokounmpo had 34 points and 11 rebounds, but the Bucks were just 6 for 30 from 3-point range and lost for the first time in the playoffs after storming past Miami in a

Clippers in LA for Game 7 versus Mavs in series without home win

The only NBA playoff series to go six games without the home team winning is headed back to Los Angeles, where the Clippers can advance with a Game 7 victory over Dallas and not worry about when they might see the Lakers.

Lose at home again Sunday, and Kawhi Leonard and Paul George will have an 0-4 home record against Luka Doncic and the Mavericks in this first-round series to go with the blown 3-1 lead in the second round against Denver last summer.

George is looking at the bright side.

"It's about as good as you get at this time of year," the seven-time All-Star said. "So we are looking forward to it. They are looking forward to it. They have played better there at home than we have. We've got to come out and we've got to counter that."

The LA shadow of the Lakers and LeBron James disappeared with their first-round loss to Phoenix in six games.

Facing elimination in Dallas the next night, the Clippers trailed for long stretches before Leonard scored eight straight LA points late to give the Clippers a cushion and tie his playoff career high of 45 points in a 104-97 victory.

If they move on, the Clippers will be the lowest of the remaining Western Conference seeds at No. 4. Still, Los Angeles could be the favorite to emerge in the West because of the tandem that joined forces two years ago hoping to get a hard-luck franchise into the conference finals for the first time.

Leonard and George will

be playing to give themselves that chance, or otherwise leave Leonard with the off-season decision of whether to match the long-term extension George signed in December. Leonard has a 2021-22 player option on his deal.

The Clippers also have a chance to erase the memory of a Game 7 loss to the Nuggets in the playoff bubble that cost them a shot at James, Anthony Davis and the Lakers in the West finals. Their LA neighbors won the NBA title.

"I don't live in the past," said Leonard, a two-time NBA Finals MVP. "It's about tomorrow. That's all it's about, taking what I see from tonight's game and try to bring it to the next one."

Doncic is averaging 34 points per game in the series to 32.8 for Leonard. But the Dallas sensation was guarded by the two-time defensive player of the year more in Game 6 than previously in the series.

The 22-year-old Doncic scored 29 points and shot 2 of 9 from 3-point range after scoring 42 and going 6 of 12 from deep in a Game 5 road victory that followed two losses at home in front of by far the two biggest Dallas crowds of the season.

The Mavericks bounced back from the first letdown at home. Now they have to do it again as they seek the franchise's first postseason series victory since the 2011 NBA Finals.

"It's all right," Doncic said. "I don't think why we shouldn't believe in it. So there's one more game, so we all believe." (AP)

Good to go? Embiid's status for Game 1 uncertain for 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Dwight Howard gushed over his first year in Philly, a train-of-thought review on his favorite cheesesteak spot and the dairy dessert the Sixers give away at home games, and he even hummed a few bars to the team's theme song.

Fun!

But when the topic turned to Joel Embiid, Howard's belief that the injured big man can play in Game 1 of Philadelphia's second-round playoff series against Atlanta brought the laughter to a halt.

"He should be ready to go," Howard said.

Wait a minute, is the backup center — and one of the top rebounders in NBA history — really breaking news on Embiid's status for Sunday's game against the Hawks.

Pressed for the scoop that Embiid actually will play, Howard suddenly backtracked on his breaking news update.

"Oh, noooooo, you didn't hear me say that one," Howard said. "I expect him to be great when he plays. That's all."

That's all the Sixers expect, as well, but Embiid's status remained unknown Saturday because of a cartilage tear in his right knee. The top-seeded Sixers could get past Trae Young and the Hawks even without a healthy Embiid. But the Sixers' serious push for their first championship since 1983 starts and ends with the health of their MVP candidate.

The 27-year-old Embiid averaged 28.5 points and 10.6 rebounds this season. He scored a postseason career-

high 36 points in 28 minutes in a 29-point win for the 76ers in Game 3 over Washington. Embiid took a hard fall in Game 4 on Monday — he winced and put his hand on his lower right back — and missed the series clincher two days later. He's been treated with physical therapy.

The Sixers may make the Hawks wait until the last moment to reveal Embiid's status.

"He's a big piece of his team," Young said. "If he's not able to go, they're a different type of team. We're definitely preparing like he's going to be ready."

Coach Doc Rivers, who definitely said Embiid was injured in Game 4, had no new update on Saturday.

Embiid could slap on a knee brace and push through the injury, and there are signs he might try to play this series. He did not participate in live drills during practice this week but did shoot. He made a surprise appearance during Game 5 warmups and shot jumpers around the perimeter, fadeaways, even some free throws — all without any sort of noticeable knee brace under his white leggings — to the delight of the crowd.

With Embiid, the Sixers are legitimate contenders to win it all.

Without him, the Sixers need every ounce of effort from Ben Simmons, Tobias Harris and Seth Curry to push past the fifth-seeded Hawks. The Sixers started Matisse Thybulle and moved Simmons to center against the Wizards.

"I think we've got the pieces

in place to do it," Simmons said. "We've been in this situation before during the season. We didn't have a full team the whole time. We know what we have to do and it starts on defense."

YOUNG'S TOWN

Young was a New York tabloid sensation as the confident point guard tormented the Knicks, and he expected to rile up a Philly crowd that had 15,000-plus fans for Game 5 and always loves giving the latest villain a hard time.

"I'm motivated regardless of what anybody says about me in the game," Young said. "Obviously, a crowd gets guys going. But I'm already motivated a lot. It doesn't really boost me. But it kind of does a little bit, I guess."

The Hawks, in the playoffs for the first time since 2017, reached the second round by beating the Knicks in five games. Just 14-20 when they fired Lloyd Pierce on March 1, the Hawks are 32-12 since. They had the best record in the East after Nate McMillan took over, and Young said he isn't satisfied with just one series victory.

He averaged 29.2 points and 9.8 assists in the first round. He closed it out with 36 points and nine assists, bowing to the New York crowd that had jeered him in every game after hitting a 3-pointer with under a minute to play.

"I really saw the Trae that I've seen all season long," McMillan said. "He played with a lot of confidence, showed some growth in running the

first-round sweep.

Brook Lopez scored 19 points for the Bucks and Jrue Holiday had 17 points and nine rebounds. Khris Middleton finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds but was 6 for 23, missing all five 3-pointers.

A series that had talent all over the rosters started on a down note when Harden had to come out of the game after just 43 seconds, walking to the back after the Nets called timeout before they had even scored. He had appeared to grab at the back of his right leg after a drive toward the basket on Brooklyn's first possession before.

"When you prepare for a game and he's such a big part of the game plan that can throw you off. But I was proud of the guys that they didn't get rattled, they hung in there and got the win," Nash said, adding that he had no update on Harden's status.

Harden predicted a day earlier this series would be a showdown.

His show might already be over.

team. The guy that we caw in the playoffs was the guy I've been seeing all season long. He played with a great deal of confidence. He did a good job establishing our tempo for us. A really good job of managing the game in those four games we won."

Young is averaging 27.1 points against the Sixers in nine career games. Simmons, an NBA defensive player of the year candidate, likely will get the assignment of shutting down Young.

SEASON SERIES

The Sixers went 2-1 against Atlanta this season, with both wins in April. The home team won every game, and the Sixers face the Hawks in the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

The Sixers won their games this season by 44 points and 22 points. Atlanta's Bogdan Bogdanovic missed all three games with a knee injury.

"Hard to take a lot from those games," McMillan said.

LONG TIME COMING

The Hawks are trying to advance past the second round for only the second time since moving from St. Louis to Atlanta in 1968. During the 2014-15 season, they went 60-22 and were the top-seeded team in the East. After winning their first two playoff series, they were swept by LeBron James and Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference final.

The Sixers have not made the Eastern Conference final since 2001.

Red Sox beat Yankees for MLB-leading 20th comeback win



NEW YORK
(AP)—Kiké Hernández

snapped an 0-for-27 skid with a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning and the Boston Red Sox completed their major league-best 20th come-from-behind victory, beating the New York Yankees 5-3 Saturday night.

Hernández got his first RBI since May 20 by roping a two-out fastball from Chad Green (0-4) to the wall in left, scoring Rafael Devers from first.

Christian Vázquez scored Hernández a batter later with a grounder that skipped over the first-base bag, and Bobby Dalbec followed with a two-run homer.

Former Yankees minor leaguer Garrett Whitlock (1-1) was credited with his first major league win. Closer Matt Barnes earned his 14th save.

Gleyber Torres hit a two-run homer for New York and added a sacrifice fly.

Giants 4, Cubs 3

In San Francisco, unbeaten Kevin Gausman struck out 10 in seven innings, Alex Dickerson homered for the second consecutive game and San Francisco beat Chicago.

San Francisco won its third straight over the Cubs. The Giants have won nine of 11 overall and are a majors-best 37-21.

Patrick Wisdom hit his fifth home run in 12 games for Chicago. The Cubs have dropped three straight.

Gausman (7-0) allowed two hits and a pair of unearned runs, lowering his ERA to 1.27, for his first victory in four career appearances against the Cubs.

Kohl Stewart (1-1) allowed seven hits and three runs in 3 2/3 innings.

Braves 6, Dodgers 4

In Atlanta, Ozzie Albies drove in the go-ahead run in a five-run third inning off Clayton Kershaw, Abraham Almonte got a pinch-hit homer off Blake Treinen in the seventh, and Atlanta topped Los Angeles.

Braves starter Charlie Morton (5-2) didn't allow a hit until Cody Bellinger had the first of four consecutive singles to begin the fourth. Morton gave up four hits, four runs — two earned — with one walk and five strikeouts in five innings.

Kershaw (7-5) allowed five runs, eight hits and one walk and striking out nine in six innings.

Will Smith earned his 10th save in 10 chances by striking out the side in the ninth.

Los Angeles, which dropped to 34-24, had won three of four and 16 of 22. The Braves, who had lost five of seven, improved to 27-29.



Mets 4, Padres 0

In San Diego, Jacob deGrom kept up his dominance of major league hitters, striking out 11 over seven innings and pitching New York past San Diego.

Francisco Lindor homered and doubled to back the latest brilliant performance by deGrom (5-2). The Mets ended San Diego's team-record 12-game home winning streak that began a month ago on May 5.

DeGrom allowed just three hits and walked one. His only downfall: He went 0 for 3 at the plate, lowering his batting average to a still-lofty .391.

Joe Musgrove (4-5) struck out 10 in five-plus innings. He gave up three runs on eight hits.

Blue Jays 6, Astros 2

In Buffalo, N.Y., Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Joe Panik homered, and Toronto beat Houston.

Panik's tiebreaking three-run shot off José Urquidy gave Toronto a 4-1 lead in the fourth inning. Guerrero connected in the fifth, sending a two-run drive deep to left for his 18th homer.

Guerrero finished with three hits, raising his batting average to .338.

Ross Stripling pitched five innings of one-run ball for the Blue Jays, who improved to 3-1 at their temporary home in Buffalo. Stripling (2-3) allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked one.

Carlos Correa had three hits and Myles Straw drove in two runs for the Astros.

Urquidy (4-3) was tagged for a season-high six runs in 4 1/3 innings. He allowed two or fewer earned runs in seven of his

previous nine starts this season.

Rays 3, Rangers 0

In Arlington, Texas, Rich Hill pitched another five scoreless innings as Tampa Bay blanked Texas.

The 41-year-old Hill (5-2) struck out three and allowed two hits while throwing 59 pitches. Diego Castillo, the fourth Rays reliever, struck out the side in the ninth for his ninth save in 11 chances and to cap the team's fifth shut-out victory this season. Texas, which had four hits, was held scoreless for the seventh time.

Austin Meadows had a two-run single off Kolby Allard (1-2). Manuel Margot hit a solo homer in the eighth for the AL-leading Rays (37-23).

Indians 10, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Cesar Hernandez and Harold Ramirez homered off Baltimore ace John Means, who exited in the first inning with shoulder fatigue, as Cleveland beat the Orioles.

Cedric Mullins homered twice as part of his second career five-hit outing for Baltimore, which saw its three-game winning streak end. Ryan Mountcastle hit a solo shot in the sixth.

Yu Chang also homered to help Aaron Civale (8-2) tie for the major league lead in victories. Cleveland has won three of its last four.

Means (4-2) surrendered a leadoff homer to Hernandez and a solo drive to Ramirez with two outs. After Eddie Rosario followed with a single, Means exited the game.

Phillies 5, Nationals 2

In Philadelphia, Bryce Harper

hit a run-scoring single that stopped an 0-for-18 skid in his return from the injured list, Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer and Philadelphia defeated Washington.

Washington's Josh Harrison was hit by pitches twice, by starter Spencer Howard and by Ranger Suárez (1-0), who won by pitching three hitless innings.

Rhys Hoskins had an RBI for Philadelphia, which won for just the second time in the last six games.

Josh Bell went deep for the Nationals.

Connor Brogdon pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his first save since 2019 at Double-A.

Joe Ross (2-6) gave up four runs — all unearned — and three hits in six innings.

Pirates 8, Marlins 7, 12 innings

In Pittsburgh, Jacob Stallings hit a game-ending single in the 12th inning that lifted Pittsburgh over Miami and extended the Marlins' longest losing streak in six years to eight games.

Automatic runner Adam Frazier advanced to third on Ke'Bryan Hayes' flyout leading off the 12th against Adam Cimber (1-2). Bryan Reynolds was intentionally walked, and Stallings lined a single to center.

Clay Holmes (2-0) pitched a perfect 12th.

Miami has lost eight in a row for the first time since May 15-22, 2015, and has lost nine of 10, dropping a season-low nine games under .500 at 24-33.

Jorge Alfaro had four hits, including a two-run homer in the fifth for the Marlins.

^{AP}
Boston Red Sox's Bobby Dalbec runs the bases after hitting a home run against the New York Yankees during the eighth inning of a baseball game Saturday, June 5, 2021, in New York.

Cardinals 5, Reds 2

In St. Louis, Yadier Molina left the game in the fourth inning with a bruised knee, and St. Louis lost to Cincinnati, the Cardinals' fourth straight setback.

The 38-year-old Molina took a foul tip off the bat of Kyle Farmer off his left knee in the fourth inning, Andrew Knizner pinch hit in the bottom half for Molina and made a run-scoring throwing error in the seventh.

Jonathan India and Eugenio Suárez homered for the Reds to back Tyler Mahle (5-2), who allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts.

Cincinnati has won three in a row for the first time since a six-game winning streak that started after the Reds lost their opener against the Cardinals.

Ryan Helsley (3-4) took the loss.

Tigers 4, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Tarik Skubal struck out a career-high 11 to win consecutive starts for the first time in his major league career, Eric Haase homered twice and Detroit beat Chicago.

Chicago manager Tony La Russa remained tied with John McGraw on the career manager wins list at 2,763, behind only Connie Mack at 3,731.

Miguel Cabrera also homered for the Tigers. José Cisnero pitched a perfect ninth for his first career save.

Nick Madrigal and Yoán Moncada had two hits apiece for the White Sox, who struck out a season-high 16 times, their 25th game in double digits.

Skubal (3-7) allowed one run and four hits in five innings. He has struck out at least eight in each of his last four outings.

Lucas Giolito (5-5) gave up four runs and seven hits in seven innings, including all three homers, and struck out nine.

Twins 5, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Mo., Ryan Jeffers, Kyle Garlick and Miguel Sanó homered, and Minnesota turned a game-ending double play with the potential tying run at third base to beat Kansas and stop a four-game losing streak.

José Berríos (6-2) gave up four runs and six hits in six innings. Hansel Robles picked up his fifth save in seven chances.

Nelson Cruz had two hits, a walk and his first stolen base since 2018. Minnesota homered for the 16th consecutive

game, tying the longest streak in club history.

Mike Minor (4-3) allowed five runs and seven hits in seven innings.

Whit Merrifield hit a two-run single and Andrew Benintendi hit a two-run homer for the Royals.

Brewers 7, Diamondbacks 5

In Milwaukee, Christian Yelich and Omar Narváez hit back-to-back homers in the eighth inning and Milwaukee dealt Arizona its team-record 16th straight road loss.

Devin Williams (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth and Josh Hader retired the side in order in the ninth for his 14th save in as many chances.

Josh Rojas hit two home runs for Arizona. Joakim Soria (0-2) took the loss.

Athletics 6, Rockies 3

In Denver, Cole Irvin pitched six strong innings, Matt Olson and Chad Pinder backed him with home runs and Oakland doubled up Colorado.

Mark Canha added three hits, including an RBI single for the Athletics, who earned their fifth win in seven inter-league games this season.

Brendan Rodgers, pinch-hitting for Rockies reliever Jhoulys Chacin, hit his first major league home run, a two-run drive off reliever Jesús Lúzardo in the seventh. Charlie Blackmon had a pair of hits, including an RBI single.

Irvin (4-7) allowed six hits and one run in snapping a career high-tying four-game losing streak. He walked one and struck out five. Lou Trivino got three outs for his eighth save.

Kyle Freeland (0-1) went five innings and allowed five runs and 10 hits.

Angels 12, Mariners 5

In Anaheim, Calif., Shohei Ohtani hit his 16th homer of the season, Taylor Ward hit the go-ahead drive and Los Angeles rallied past Seattle.

The Angels came back after Seattle starter Yusei Kikuchi was hit in the right knee by David Fletcher's comebacker in the fifth inning. Kikuchi fell to the ground writhing in pain and exited with a bruise.

Drew Steckenrider (2-2) took the loss.

Max Stassi also homered for the Angels, who have won five of their last seven.

Los Angeles trailed 5-1 in the fourth inning after Jake Fraley hit his first career grand slam. The Angels then scored in five straight innings, capped by a five-run eighth.

Alex Cobb (4-2) went seven innings, allowing three hits in his third straight win. He retired the last 11 batters he faced after giving up the grand slam.

Familiar results at French Open as Nadal, Swiatek advance

PARIS (AP)—Iga Swiatek closed out her latest French Open victory and raised a triumphant right fist. Rafael Nadal won less than half an hour later and celebrated with a left uppercut.

The two defending champions make for a potent one-two combination at Roland Garros, where both won going away Saturday to reach the fourth round.

Swiatek rallied from a break down in the opening set to beat Anett Kontaveit 7-6 (4), 6-0. Nadal was unfazed at losing serve twice in a row in the second set and eliminated Cameron Norrie 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Nadal, 35, advanced to the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 50th time. He's trying to add to his record 13 French Open crowns and seeks his 21st major title, which would break the men's record he shares with Roger Federer.

As Nadal spoke to the crowd after his match, fans reminded the Spaniard of his title total by shouting "treize!" —13 in French.

"Can you repeat that?" he responded in English with a smile.

Nadal will next play 19-year-old Italian Jannik Sin-

ner, who is seeded 18th.

"He's young, he's improving every week, he has big shots," Nadal said. "I need to be solid. I need to be aggressive too. I need to make him play from tough positions. It's the fourth round—you can't expect an easy opponent."

Nadal knows that from experience. Federer and Novak Djokovic are the only other men to reach the fourth round at 50 major events.

Federer raised his total to a record 68 trips to the round of 16 at majors by getting past Dominik Koepfer 7-6 (5), 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4), 7-5 in a match that ended at nearly 1 a.m.

Swiatek, 20, has won 20 consecutive sets at Roland Garros and that streak was in jeopardy when she trailed Kontaveit 4-2. The title holder dominated from there and lost only 12 points in the second set.

"It's good to have matches like that, because it keeps you down to earth, and you have to be careful on every point," Swiatek said. "I'm just happy that I'm able to play really solid in really important moments."

The eighth-seeded pride of Poland next faces 18-year-old Ukrainian Marta



Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates after defeating Britain's Cameron Norrie during their third round match on day 7, of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris, France, Saturday, June 5, 2021.

"I'm happy it's clicking during the French Open," the 22-year-old Kenin said. "I love the court, I love the clay. It's a good surface for me. My game is not where it was at the Australian Open in 2020 but we're getting there."

American Sloane Stephens, who is ranked 59th and out of the top 50 for the first time since 2017, advanced by beating 18th-seeded Karolina Muchova 6-3, 7-5. Stephens, the runner-up in 2018, will next face Barbora Krejickova, who upset fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina 6-3, 6-2.

Djokovic advanced to the round of 16 at the French Open for the 12th consecutive year and said he made necessary adjustments on a cool, cloudy afternoon.

"Maybe for those watching it looked simple, but it wasn't," he told the crowd in French. "The conditions were different. How do you say in French ... the bounce was lower. I think I coped well."

Djokovic next faces Musetti, who is playing in his first Grand Slam event.

Kostyuk, who has reached the round of 16 at a major event for the first time.

Sofia Kenin advanced to the fourth round for the third consecutive year by winning a seesaw all-American match against Jessica Pegula, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Kenin is the highest-seeded player left in the women's draw at No. 4, and she has shaken a slump with her return to Roland Garros, where she was the runner-up to Swiatek in October.

"This whole year hasn't been so great in terms of my tennis," Kenin said. "I've had some early round exits. I'm just happy that I'm finally finding my rhythm and playing some good tennis again."

The top-seeded Djokovic

didn't face a break point en route to a 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 victory over unseeded Ričardas Berankis.

Sinner beat Mikael Ymer 6-1, 7-5, 6-3 and was joined the round of 16 by another Italian 19-year-old, Lorenzo Musetti, who outlasted Marco Cecchinato — also from Italy — 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Another teen, 17-year-old American Coco Gauff, advanced to the fourth round in Paris for the first time. She led 6-1 when her opponent, Jennifer Brady, stopped playing due to a left foot injury.

Gauff next faces No. 25 Ons Jabeur with a shot at her first berth in a major quarterfinal.

"When I first came on tour I felt like I had pressure to win,"

Gauff said. "I realized I've just got to be myself and have fun on the court, and I will say, I'm having fun even in the pressure moments."

Kenin blew a 3-0 lead in the opening set against the No. 28-seeded Pegula, but then began stepping into the court to take charge of rallies, especially with a backhand that produced two dozen winners. She hit 48 winners overall to 18 for Pegula.

Kenin had 10 double faults and was broken five times but held her final four service games to close out the win. The 2020 Australian Open champion, who was sidelined by an appendectomy in February, improved to 10-8 this year.

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He landed third place during the fifth series race to earn 40 points, bumping him up to a 169.

Meanwhile, in the Expert Class, Cuki Alvarez managed to regain the lead after losing it to Angelito Hernaez in the last two races.

Alvarez landed first place during the fifth leg of the series last Sunday to gain 47

points, bumping up his total score to an impressive 214.

Hernaez, who held the lead since the third leg of the series, lagged behind in the fifth series race, placing sixth overall gaining him 22 points, bumping him up to a 192.

Holding close at third place overall is Alverick Alvarez with a total score of 191. Alverick placed second last Sunday to gain a total of 45 points.

Placing third in the fifth leg

of the series for the Expert Class was Franklin Santos to earn 38 points. The win bumped his overall score up to 184 putting him at fourth place in class standings.

In the Big Boy ATV, Christian Camacho still holds the lead despite not showing up to race last Sunday. He remains at no. 1 with a total score of 200.

Henry Camacho Sr. remains in second place overall despite sweeping both heats of

the fifth series race to earn him 50 points. He currently has a total score of 114.

Rex Susulin also continued to grip the No. 3 ranking after placing second last Sunday to gain him 44 points. The win bumped him up to a total score of 108.

Completing the Top 3 last Sunday was Mike Dela Cruz who gained a total of 40 points to bump him up to 80 points. He currently is at 4th place in the overall standings.

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Currently, Flores plays for Southern United with her team nearly winning the 2021 Dove Spring league that concluded last Sunday.

Flores said she has no idea what to expect next but she

thanks all those who have helped her get to where she is now and who continue to support her on her new journey.

"I have no idea what to expect. I know that I'll be going against teams who are more physical and stronger but other than that I don't know what to expect. I'd want to thank all

the people who have made it possible for me to develop as a student and as a player. They have allowed me to be able to play in college. I'd like to thank my parents for picking me up and helping me out. I'd also want to thank my counselor, teachers, and Doctor Chas Algaier for helping me

in school. Lastly, I'd want to thank NMIFA's staff, coaches, and Jerry Tan for helping me develop as a player and giving me many opportunities and trainings throughout the years I've played. I appreciate you all and I wouldn't have gone this far without any of you," she said.

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contributed to their play.

"Our power forward Lindsay scored the goal early on in the game so it's kind of set the tone for us so we knew we had a little bit of an advantage so we were still playing hard but we had that little boost of being in the lead. [However] we were losing our energy at the end so I knew anything could happen in the last few min-

utes," she said.

When asked about their strategy, Hill-Beyer said it was all in the lineup and making sure that there was a balance between experienced and less experienced.

"We mixed our lineup with experienced players and those who don't have as much experience so we have a balance every time we go on. Everyone also just tried their best and we coach as much as we can," she said.

Hill-Beyer said overall, it

was just a fun game between sister teams.

"We feel excited and elated. We were super happy to go into this finals with both Paire teams matching up against each other and we knew it was going to be a fun game playing against our friends and our sister team," she said.

Landing third place in the Masters Division was Matansa after taking a 3-2 (PK) victory over TanHoldings Football Club. Bunruang Brasuella, Tawny

Barcinas, and Alleny Tenorio each hit their target during the penalty shootout to clinch the title for Matansa.

However, it was a close PK match with Mariquit Chavez and Roxe Lazaro each landing their goals.

The game came to a tie after Matansa's Barcinas squeezed in a goal before the end of the game, landing one in the 51st minute.

Initially, TanHoldings held the lead after Yoko Borja scored a goal in the 34th minute.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	37	23	.617	—
Boston	35	23	.603	1
Toronto	30	26	.536	5
New York	31	28	.525	5½
Baltimore	20	38	.345	16

Central Division

Chicago	35	23	.603	—
Cleveland	31	25	.554	3
Kansas City	29	27	.518	5
Detroit	24	34	.414	11
Minnesota	23	35	.397	12

West Division

Oakland	35	25	.583	—
Houston	32	26	.552	2
Seattle	29	31	.483	6
Los Angeles	27	31	.466	7
Texas	23	37	.383	12

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	28	23	.549	—
Atlanta	27	29	.482	3½
Philadelphia	27	30	.474	4
Washington	24	31	.436	6
Miami	24	33	.421	7

Central Division

Chicago	32	26	.552	—
Milwaukee	32	26	.552	—
St. Louis	31	28	.525	1½
Cincinnati	27	29	.482	4
Pittsburgh	23	34	.404	8½

West Division

San Francisco	37	21	.638	—
San Diego	36	24	.600	2
Los Angeles	34	24	.586	3
Colorado	23	36	.390	14½
Arizona	20	40	.333	18

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Lillard, POR	6	62	47	206	34.3
Donic, DAL	6	79	20	204	34.0
Jokic, DEN	6	75	33	198	33.0
Leonard, LAC	6	72	37	197	32.8
Durant, BKN	6	65	47	192	32.0
Tatum, BOS	5	47	45	153	30.6
Morant, MEM	5	55	31	151	30.2
Beal, WAS	5	56	31	150	30.0
Booker, PHO	6	59	45	178	29.7
Young, ATL	5	49	34	146	29.2
Mitchell, UTA	4	36	28	114	28.5
Brooks, MEM	5	50	21	129	25.8
Antetokounmpo, MIL	5	52	21	128	25.6
Harris, PHI	5	49	19	125	25.0
Irving, BKN	6	54	24	149	24.8
Embiid, PHI	4	33	24	96	24.0
George, LAC	6	50	30	143	23.8
James, LAL	6	54	14	140	23.3
Harden, BKN	6	40	40	139	23.2
McCollum, POR	6	50	10	124	20.7

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Gafford, WAS	22	26	.846
Ayton, PHO	43	54	.796
Gobert, UTA	35	45	.778
Capela, ATL	22	33	.667
Simmons, PHI	32	50	.640
Embiid, PHI	33	52	.635

Hachimura, WAS	29	47	.617
Lopez, MIL	32	52	.615
Leonard, LAC	72	119	.605
Thompson, BOS	20	34	.588

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Antetokounmpo, MIL	5	14	57	71	14.2
Capela, ATL	5	15	52	67	13.4
Gobert, UTA	5	21	44	65	13.0
Randle, NY	5	11	47	58	11.6
Drummond, LAL	5	19	36	55	11.0
Ayton, PHO	6	18	46	64	10.7
Jokic, DEN	6	19	44	63	10.5
Westbrook, WAS	5	14	38	52	10.4
Nurkic, POR	6	18	44	62	10.3
Simmons, PHI	5	17	34	51	10.2

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Westbrook, WAS	5	59	11.8
Lillard, POR	6	61	10.2
Young, ATL	5	49	9.8
Donic, DAL	6	58	9.7
Simmons, PHI	5	46	9.2
Holiday, MIL	5	45	9.0
Harden, BKN	6	53	8.8
Conley, UTA	5	43	8.6
Morant, MEM	5	41	8.2
James, LAL	6	48	8.0

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Paire outplays Paire in Dove finals

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Paire 1 edged out its sister team Paire 2 in their finals match of the Masters Division during the 2021 Dove Spring season last May 30 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



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Paire 1 edged out sister team Paire 2 in their finals match of the Masters Division during the 2021 Dove Spring season last May 30 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Only one could win and Paire 1 made sure it was them after taking a 1-0 victory over their beloved sister team, Paire 2, during the intense season finale.

Lindsay Davis led the way for Paire 1 after landing the only goal of the game in the 5th minute of the match.



Although Paire 2 tried tirelessly to turn the tables, Paire 1 remained strong and focused heavily on their defense.

According to team captain Natalie Hill-Beyer, it was the 1-point-advantage that really boosted their confidence and

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Flores to join Illinois College's Soccer program

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Stephanie Flores is set to embark on a new adventure now that she has committed to playing college soccer with Illinois College.

Flores will take off on a new journey as she enters collegiate soccer and will officially play soccer on an NCAA level since Illinois College is recognized as an NCAA Division 3 school.

"I feel happy and excited about moving on to play soccer on an NCAA level. I'm able to face tougher teams while representing our islands as I play. This is another adventure that's pushing me to [go further than] where I am now," she said.

According to Flores, she chose Illinois College because of the scholarships offered and its accommodations. Although



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Stephanie Flores in action while suiting up for Southern United in the recently concluded 2021 Dove Spring season.

it isn't a full college ride, she is still grateful that it will cover over half of her tuition whilst also allowing her to continue playing soccer.

"I chose to attend Illinois College because of the scholarships I've received from the school and the facilities/accommodations I'd be able

to receive at the school. This won't be a full college ride but the scholarships I've received cover more than half my costs," she said.

The athlete has played soccer for a good chunk of her teen years and has even played for the CNMI National team since 2018.

"I started playing for the nationals around 2018 or 2019. The trips I've went on for the national team are Korea and the Philippines. I played for TanHoldings, Kanoa Football Club, and Southern United," she said.

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Camacho excels in Novice Class



JOSEPH CHIN

Henry Camacho Jr. rose to the top of the Novice Class after taking the lead during the fifth leg of the Marianas Racing Association Points Race Series at CowTown Raceway Park last Sunday.

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Henry Camacho Jr. rose to the top of the Novice Class after taking the lead during the fifth leg of the Marianas Racing Association Points Race Series at CowTown Raceway Park last Sunday.

Camacho, who previously held second place in the class' overall standings, was promoted to No. 1 after placing second in the fifth leg of the series held last Sunday to gain 44 points, bringing his total score up to 207.

Corry Pangelinan, who previously held third place, also rose to second place after taking first in the fifth series race last Sunday to gain 50 points, bringing his total score up to 196.

Kier Agda, who held first place in the last few races, was demoted to third place. The previous head of the class did not race last Sunday, which led to him inevitably losing the lead. He currently holds an overall score of 181.

Thomas Reyes continues to hold fourth place overall.

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